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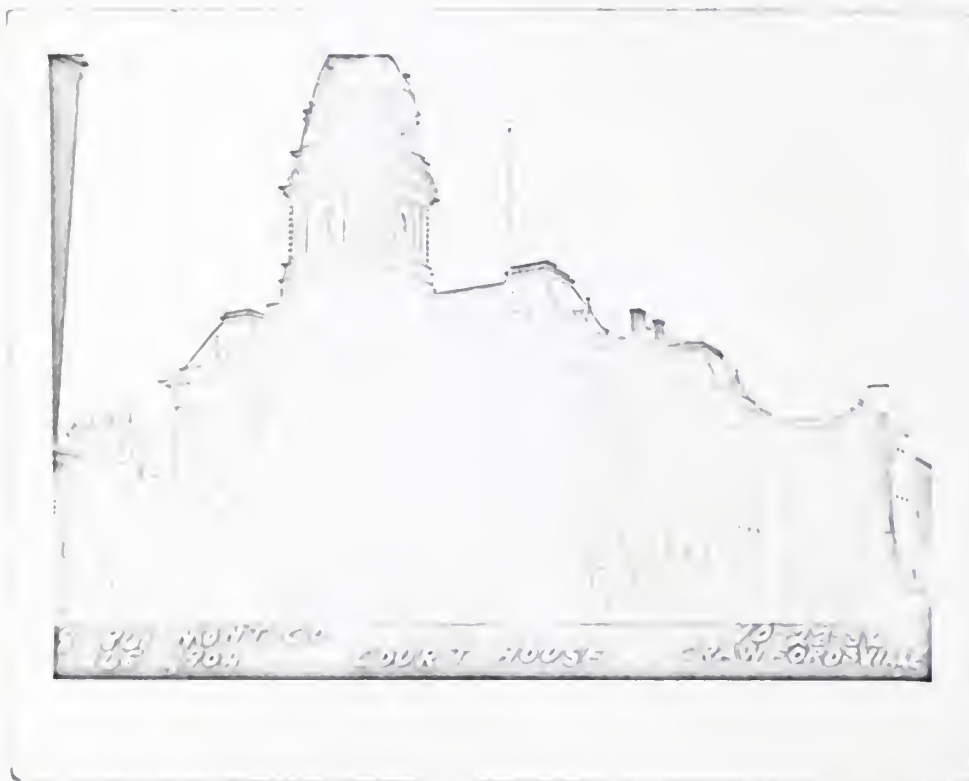


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This inventory of Montgomery County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Kagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers, and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage

officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Montgomery County was begun on June 1, 1936, under the district supervision of James L. Taylor, of Lafayette, later succeeded by Canis E. Brockway. The field workers were Carl Fletcher, Buford Mann, Charles Kerr, and Lawrence Sutton, all of Attica; Carl Smith, of New Ross, and Daniel Millard, of Crawfordsville. It was completed on July 15, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in July 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the survey of the county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Montgomery County is No. 54.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive

index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, captained by Harry A. Rider, editor; John R. Milligan, in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Nation, in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway, in charge of condensing; Julius Salnan, legal adviser; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher D. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Kagan, State Director

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Hagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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PART A. MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND ITS INCOME SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Montgomery County, situated in the west central part of the state, is bounded on the north by Tippecanoe County, on the east by Clinton and Boone Counties, on the south by Putnam and Parke Counties, and on the west by Parke and Fountain Counties. It has an area of 501 square miles.

The topography of Montgomery County is a slightly elevated tableland, somewhat rolling and cut up by deep chasms through which flow several creeks and their tributaries. Sugar Creek, the principal stream, follows a course through the county from northeast to southwest. Raccoon Creek drains the southern portion, and Coal Creek, which flows into the Wabash River, drains the northwestern section of the county.

A brief picture of the relationship of Indiana to the early history of the United States as a whole begins with the landing and settlement of the English at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec the next year and began explorations to the west and south. LaSalle descended the Mississippi River to its mouth and claimed the valley in the name of France. By 1718, French posts were established in Indiana on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes. The English, in the meantime, had explored and established settlements in the Ohio Valley. Eventually the two nations became involved in the French and Indian War, which grew out of the economic conflict over the rich

fur trade. By the treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, which ended this war, the Mississippi Valley was ceded to Britain, and remained under English jurisdiction until shortly after the opening of the American Revolution when Vincennes was captured by General George Rogers Clark. The region was then under the jurisdiction of Virginia and remained so until it was ceded to the United States Government in 1784. Three years later the Northwest Territory was organized. Knox County, which included all of the present State of Indiana, and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, was created in 1790 and was the first real civil government over what is now Indiana. In 1800 Indiana Territory was formed, and in 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union.

Most of the central part of the state --roughly that portion lying south of the Wabash River-- was claimed by the Indian tribes belonging to the Miami Confederacy--the Tawhatssee, Weas, Piankashaws, and Shoshonees--and the Potawatomi and Delawares. By the Treaty of St. Marys, signed October 2-6, 1818, the United States Government purchased from these tribes this immense tract of land, called the New Purchase, with the stipulation that the Indians should have the right of occupancy, if they so desired, until 1821. Subsequently some thirty counties, including Montgomery, were carved out of this territory.

The first white settlers who came to the territory which became Montgomery County were, for the most part, from Kentucky

and Ohio; a few came from Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia, and the Eastern States. William Oldfield, a native of Tennessee, was the first permanent settler. He moved from a settlement on White River in Morgan County in 1821, and built a cabin near the mouth of a small stream --now called Oldfield's Creek--which flows into Sugar Creek, about five miles southwest of the present site of Crawfordsville. John Loop entered the first tract of land sold by the United States Government in the county; this tract, eighty acres, was situated in what is now Pine Township. Although settlements were made in various parts of the county, the most numerous were along Sugar Creek, not far from the present site, Crawfordsville. Just west of that site there was a settlement which included John Beard and Isaac Decker; John, Isaac, and George Miller; and Joseph Cox. John Cowan and two men named Scott and Busbridge lived two miles southwest. The settlers on the north side of Sugar Creek included Abe Miller, Henry and Robert Nicholson, Samuel Brown, and men named Carlow and Lambarger.

Montgomery County was formed by an act of the General Assembly December 1, 1822, effective March 1, 1823, out of territory in Morgan County which had been attached to Morgan and Putnam Counties. The local boundaries were: "Beginning on the range line dividing six and seven, west of the second principal meridian, where the line dividing towns sixteen and seventeen crosses the same, thence north to the line dividing twenty and twenty one, thence east to the line dividing range two and three, thence south to the line dividing towns sixteen and seventeen, thence west to the place of beginning." (1)

An act of January 2, 1824, detached an area containing 18 square miles of Montgomery County and added it to Parke County. The law specified "that all that part of Montgomery County included in the west half of township 17 north, range 6 west of the second meridian was transferred to Parke County. (2)

When Fountain County was formed December 30, 1825, Montgomery was further reduced in size. The west half of range 6, west of the second principal meridian, in townships, 18, 19, and 20 north, was transferred to Fountain County. (3)

The first election in Montgomery County was held on March 1, 1825, and William Oldfield, James Blovens, and John C. McCullough were elected to serve as the first board of commissioners; John Wilson was elected clerk, and C. D. Russell was the first sheriff. There were sixty-one votes cast at this election.

The act of the general assembly forming the county established the seat of justice at Crawfordsville where it has remained. The county was named in honor of General Richard Montgomery, a soldier of the American Revolution, who was killed at the assault on Quebec, December 31, 1775.

The first term of the Montgomery Circuit Court convened in May 1828, at the home of William Miller in Crawfordsville with Jacob Call, presiding judge of the circuit, on the bench. The prosecuting attorney was Jacob J. Ford.

The first courthouse in Montgomery County, which was a two-story structure built of hewed logs, was ready for occupancy August 9, 1824. It was located on Main Street in Crawfordsville.

The contract for the second courthouse was awarded in 1831. This was a brick building, forty feet square and surmounted by a cupola. It stood on the present public square. Later on, one-story wings were added to this building. These were occupied by the auditor, treasurer, clerk, sheriff, and recorder. The third or present courthouse, a modern sandstone and brick building was constructed in 1875-76, on the site of the second building, at a cost of \$150,000.

There are eleven townships in Montgomery County: Brown, Clark, Coal Creek, Franklin, Madison, Ripley, Scott, Sugar Creek, Union, Walnut, and Wayne. The incorporated cities and towns are New Market, Ladoga, New Richmond, Wingate, Burlington, Linden, Adams, Crawfordsville, New Ross, and Waynetown.

Since 1890 Montgomery County has shown a decline in population, the census of 1930 showing the population at 26,980. The county is principally an agricultural district. However, the county has several manufacturing plants which produce caskets, gloves, wire products, castings, furniture, toys, corrugated culverts, brick, and canned goods.

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Chart of Governmental Organization to appear here.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Montgomery County, with its county seat at Crawfordsville, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the legislature and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the legislature or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent.

Montgomery County was organized by an act of the General Assembly, effective March 1, 1823. (1) Its present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, (2) and court of probate, (3) commissioners, (4) sheriff, (5) coroner, (6) recorder, (7) treasurer, (8) (circuit court). (9) These officers were appointed by either the governor or the court. The laws of Indiana Territory provided for the appointment of additional officers: Surveyor, (10) assessor, (11) prosecuting attorney, (12)

and county agent who conveys and receives conveyances of public lands. (13)

In the year of 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, (14) recorder, (15) sheriff, and coroner, (16) and continued the other territorial officers until superseded. (17)

The legislature, in 1817, established a body called the board of commissioners, elected by the voters of the county; (18) the office of treasurer, who was appointed by the board of commissioners; (19) and in 1818 the office of surveyor, who was appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. (20)

When Montgomery County was organized in 1823, its government followed the form outlined above. With the changes enumerated below, the original organization continued practically unchanged for nearly thirty years.

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, (21) until in 1831 the board of commissioners was reestablished, which consisted of three members elected by the voters. (22)

In 1831 the legislature made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners, (23) and in 1841 created the elective office of auditor. (24)

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called which framed a new constitution. (25) This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851 and proclaimed by the governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. (26)

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (27) and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be ruled by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. (28)

Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1851 reorganized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the people of the county, as follows: (29)

Clerk of the circuit court, who, by statutory provision, keeps the records of the proceedings of all county courts and performs other administrative duties, including serving as registration officer and member of the county election boards.

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and executes orders of the county courts and boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence and of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys including the collection of taxes, and serves as ex-officio member of the board of review.

Auditor, who the financial agent of the county, compiles the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems. (30)

The constitution also empowered the legislature to prescribe such other officers as may become necessary. (31) Under this authority the legislature has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", or the "board for doing county business". It consists of three members elected for term of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county and audits the accounts of all officers who handle moneys of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. (32)

County council, another governing body, created in 1899, (33) to control the finances of county government. This council

consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years. This council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county; to adopt the county budget and the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. (34)

Superintendent of schools, in 1873, (35) who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. (36) Elected by the township trustees, (37) he is ex-officio member and president of the county board of education. (38)

Board of education, in 1873, (39) consisting since an amendment of 1877, of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board considers the general wants and needs of the schools and school property, and all matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (40)

Health officer, in 1881, originally secretary of the board of health, (41) abolished by an act of 1909, which created the office of health commissioner, (42) whose title was changed in 1935 to health officer. He is appointed by the board of commissioners and must be legally qualified to practice medicine and enforce the health laws of the state. (43)

Assessor, in 1891, (44) who instructs and advises the township assessors, reviews their returns and examines the tax

duplicates, assesses omitted real and personal property, (45) and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. (46) He is elected by the voters of the county, (47) and is ex-officio member and president of the board of review. (48)

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer, (49) and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. (50) This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners, and may set aside the aggregate assessment, if too high or too low, of the whole county or any taxing unit thereof and order a new assessment. (51)

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary. (52) This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories, (53) apportioning the deposits among the banks in agreement with other municipal corporations in the county according to the total resources of the depositories. (54)

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life, and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in agricultural education and domestic science. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board. (55)

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor. However, the board of commissioners of Montgomery County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor. (56)

Board of tax adjustment, in 1933, consisting of seven members (57) who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines any tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total tax rate proscribed by law. (58)

School fund board in 1935, consisting of three members; the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, duly secured by mortgage. (59)

Department of public welfare, in 1936, (60) comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, (61) and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. (62) The department administers the measures of public welfare as prescribed by law and the rules of the state department. (63)

Registration officer, in 1933, who is the clerk of the circuit court ex-officio. He conducts the registration of voters (64) and furnishes a list of the registered voters to the inspector of each precinct. (65)

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections (66) and appoints the precinct officials. (67)

Board of canvassers, in 1905, which is the board of election commissioners. (68) The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county (69) and certifies the candidates elected. (70)

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. (71)

Judicial

The judicial system of Montgomery County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. (72) Montgomery County constitutes the twenty-second circuit, established in 1897. (73) Previously, it was part of a judicial circuit to which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge (74) and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, (75) and a clerk of the circuit court. (76) The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. (77)

Records System

The records of Montgomery County began with its creation in 1823. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts,

which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (78) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. (79)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (80) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments

by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. (81)

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (82)

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4. NORTH SIDE (continued)

The following is a list of the buildings on the north side of the street, from west to east. The first building is the old school house, which was built in 1880. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The second building is the old store, which was built in 1890. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The third building is the old house, which was built in 1900. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fourth building is the old house, which was built in 1910. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fifth building is the old house, which was built in 1920. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The sixth building is the old house, which was built in 1930. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The seventh building is the old house, which was built in 1940. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The eighth building is the old house, which was built in 1950. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The ninth building is the old house, which was built in 1960. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The tenth building is the old house, which was built in 1970. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The eleventh building is the old house, which was built in 1980. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The twelfth building is the old house, which was built in 1990. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The thirteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2000. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fourteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2010. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fifteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2020. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof.

5. SOUTH SIDE

Floor plans of first floor to appear here.

The following is a list of the buildings on the south side of the street, from west to east. The first building is the old school house, which was built in 1880. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The second building is the old store, which was built in 1890. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The third building is the old house, which was built in 1900. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fourth building is the old house, which was built in 1910. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fifth building is the old house, which was built in 1920. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The sixth building is the old house, which was built in 1930. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The seventh building is the old house, which was built in 1940. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The eighth building is the old house, which was built in 1950. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The ninth building is the old house, which was built in 1960. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The tenth building is the old house, which was built in 1970. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The eleventh building is the old house, which was built in 1980. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The twelfth building is the old house, which was built in 1990. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The thirteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2000. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fourteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2010. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof. The fifteenth building is the old house, which was built in 2020. It is a two-story building with a gabled roof.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The courthouse of Montgomery County is situated on a square at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets, in Crawfordsville. The courthouse was built in the years of 1875-1876, of Berca sandstone, brick, and iron, at a cost of about \$150,000. Measuring 150' by 134' by 40', it contains a basement and two floors, the offices of the commissioners, the clerk, the recorder, the sheriff, the auditor, the assessor, the treasurer, and the surveyor being located on the first floor, and the offices of the superintendent of schools and the department of public welfare on the second. The basement contains three storage rooms for records.

Board of Commissioners

The commissioners' office, on the west side of the first floor, is 20' by 12' by 17'. Having a tile floor, and plastered walls and ceiling, it is in good condition, and is well lighted and well ventilated. The 169' of bound volumes housed here are carried on metal roller shelving; these are properly housed, but additional shelving, for which space is available, is necessary for expansion. Twenty four per cent of the commissioners' records, all the records of the council, and 1/3 of the auditor's records are housed in this room, which furnishes users of the records with satisfactory accommodations. Of the remaining 76% of the commissioners' records, 34% are housed in the auditor's office, 1% in the surveyor's office, and 41% in the northwest storage room.

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed description of the project and its objectives. The report is organized as follows:

1. Project description

The project is a development of a new product. The product is a software application that will be used by the company's employees. The product will be developed in a modular fashion, allowing for the addition of new features as needed. The project is being developed by a team of software engineers and project managers. The project is being funded by the company's management. The project is expected to be completed within a six-month period.

Floor plans of second floor to appear here.

The floor plans of the second floor are shown in the following figures. The floor plans show the layout of the second floor, including the rooms, corridors, and stairs. The floor plans are drawn to scale and show the dimensions of the rooms and corridors. The floor plans are also labeled with the names of the rooms and corridors. The floor plans are provided for the purpose of showing the layout of the second floor and for the purpose of providing information about the dimensions of the rooms and corridors. The floor plans are also provided for the purpose of showing the location of the rooms and corridors relative to each other. The floor plans are provided for the purpose of showing the layout of the second floor and for the purpose of providing information about the dimensions of the rooms and corridors. The floor plans are also provided for the purpose of showing the location of the rooms and corridors relative to each other.

Conclusion

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County Council

All the records of the council are housed in the commissioners' office (q.v., supra).

Clerk of the Circuit Court

The clerk's main and private offices, the former on the east side and the latter on the northeast corner of the first floor, are 46' by 30' by 18' and 22' by 22' by 18' respectively. Both have tile floors and plastered walls and ceilings, and both are well lighted and well ventilated. In the main office, 201' of bound volumes and 127' of unbound records in file boxes 15" deep completely occupy the shelving, and no space for additional shelving is available. Shelving in the private office is also filled, being occupied by 433' of bound volumes and 247' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep, but a small amount of space for new shelving is available. Sixty seven per cent of the clerk's records, 69% of the records of the circuit court, and 38% of the records of the common pleas court are housed in the main office, and 24% of the records of the circuit court in the private office. The other 33% of the clerk's records are housed in the northwest and south storage rooms. Good accommodations for users of the records are provided in both main and private office.

Recorder

The recorder occupies an office and a vault on the north side of the first floor. Conditions in these rooms are good. Their tile floors and plastered walls and ceilings are in good condition, and

they are well lighted, well ventilated, and free from dust. The office is 32' by 22' by 15'; the vault, 16' by 14' by 15'. The records in the office--779' of bound volumes--are housed in metal roller shelving, 131' of which are unoccupied. The vault contains 7' of bound volumes and 13' of miscellaneous unbound material in file boxes 14" deep; ample space for expansion is available on the present shelving. Users of the records can obtain good accommodations in the office, which houses 86% of the recorder's records, and in the vault, which houses 10% of the recorder's and 2% of the auditor's records. Three per cent of the recorder's records are housed in the west storage room.

Circuit Court

The records of the circuit court are housed in the clerk's main and private offices, and the northwest and south storage rooms (q.v.: clerk; storage rooms, *infra*).

Common Pleas Court

Common pleas court records are housed in the clerk's main office and the north and south storage rooms (q.v.: clerk, *supra*; storage rooms, *infra*).

Sheriff

The sheriff has two offices--one on the south side of the first floor of the courthouse and one in the jail. The courthouse office is 20' by 15' by 15'; it has a marble floor, plastered walls, and plastered ceiling, and is well lighted and well ventilated.

[At present, no details on the jail office are available.] Sixty feet of bound volumes and 42' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep are housed in the courthouse office, on whose wooden and metal shelving no space for expansion is available. Space for additional shelving cannot be obtained here, but persons consulting the records are well accommodated. Of the sheriff's records, 6% are housed in his courthouse office, 2% in his jail office, and 31% in the northwest storage room.

Coroner

The coroner's records are housed in the clerk's main office (q.v., supra).

Assessor

The assessor's office, measuring 23' by 23' by 18', occupies the southeast corner of the first floor. It has a tile floor and plastered walls and ceiling, and its lighting, ventilating, and accommodations for users of the records are good. On 510' of steel roller shelving are 470' of bound volumes and 40' of unbound records in file boxes 24" deep; no additional shelving is necessary, since old, non-current records are transferred to the north storage room each year. Thirty four per cent of the assessor's and 2% of the auditor's records are housed here. The other 60% of the assessor's records are housed in the north storage room.

Board of Review

Records of the board of review are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Board of Tax Adjustment

All the records of the board of tax adjustment are kept in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Board of Finance

Records of the board of finance are likewise kept in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Treasurer

Two well lighted and well ventilated rooms--an office and a vault--on the southwest corner of the first floor are occupied by the treasurer. The office is 35' by 32' by 18' and provides good accommodations for users of the records, while the vault is 6' by 6' by 8' and provides fair accommodations; both have tile floors and plastered walls and ceilings. The office houses 160' of bound volumes on steel and wood shelving, on which ample space for expansion is obtainable. In the vault are 39' of bound volumes and 4' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep, 37' of shelving being unoccupied. Eleven per cent of the treasurer's records and 1% of the auditor's records are housed in the office. Eighteen per cent of the treasurer's records are housed in his vault, 70% in the north storage room, and 1% in the northwest storage room.

Auditor

The office of the auditor, lying in the northwest corner of the first floor, is a well lighted, well ventilated room, measuring

52' by 35' by 14'. Having a marble floor, plastered walls, and plastered ceiling, it is in good condition, and is equipped with adequate accommodations for users of the records. It houses 156' of bound volumes, 90' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep, and 10' of miscellaneous material. Space for additional shelving, which is needed, is available. Here are housed 13% of the auditor's records; all the records of the board of review, the board of tax adjustment, and the board of finance; and 34% of the commissioners' records. Distribution of the other 87% of the auditor's records is as follows; 6% in the commissioners' office, 2% each in the recorder's vault and the assessor's office, 6% in the treasurer's office, 64% in the north storage room, and 13% in the northwest storage room.

Board of Education

The records of the board of education are kept in the office of the superintendent of schools (q.v., infra).

Superintendent of Schools

The office of the superintendent of schools, a well lighted and well ventilated room measuring 24' by 23' by 12', occupies the southeast corner of the second floor. It has a tile floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and is equipped with metal and wooden shelving, on which a portion of the superintendent's records--49' of bound volumes and 50' of unbound records in file boxes 17" deep--are kept, several volumes being stacked on a table.

Good accommodations are provided in this room for persons consulting the records of the superintendent and board of education, all of which are housed here.

Health Officer

The office of the health officer is located in the Dillman Building on Cross Street, Waveland. The office is 20' by 16' by 8' and has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a metal ceiling. Conditions in the room are good and the records--4' of bound volumes--are well housed. Seventy nine per cent of the health officer's records are housed here and the other 21% in the northwest storage room.

Department of Public Welfare

The department of public welfare occupies an office at the east end of the first floor. Measuring 36' by 24' by 16', the office has a marble floor and plastered walls and ceiling and is well lighted and well ventilated. Ten feet of unbound records are housed in a metal filing cabinet, leaving adequate space for expansion. All the records of the department of public welfare are housed in this room, in which satisfactory accommodations are provided for users.

Surveyor

The surveyor's office, located on the south side of the first floor, has a tile floor and plastered walls and ceiling and measures 21' by 10' by 15'. Nine feet of bound volumes and 2' of unbound

records in file boxes of various sizes entirely fill the present shelving, but space can be obtained here for the installation of additional shelving. Here are housed 88% of the records of the surveyor, 50% of the records of the highway supervisor, and 1% of the records of the commissioners, 12% of the surveyor's records being in the south storage room. Satisfactory accommodations are provided in this office for users of the records.

Highway Supervisor

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The records of the highway supervisor are housed in the surveyor's office and in the south storage room (q.v.; surveyor, supra; storage rooms, infra).

Storage Rooms

Three storage rooms, in the north, northwest, and south sections of the basement, contain the old records of several county offices. The north and northwest storage rooms are identical in size, measuring 18' by 16' by 9', and both are well lighted but dusty and damp.

The north storage room has a concrete floor, brick walls, and an unfinished ceiling, and is poorly ventilated; northwest storage room has a concrete floor and brick walls and coiling, and is well ventilated. In the north storage room 600' of bound volumes, 50' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep, and 8' of miscellaneous material completely occupy the wooden shelving, leaving no free space for additional shelving. Seventy per cent of the treasurer's

records, 60% of the assessor's records, 63% of the auditor's records, and 2% of the records of the common pleas court are housed here.

The northwest storage room contains 363' of shelving, on which are 280' of bound volumes and 83' of unbound of records in bundles. These comprise 41% of the records of the commissioners, 31% of the sheriff's records, 30% of the clerk's records, 21% of the auditor's records, and 1% of the treasurer's records. There is no space in this room for additional shelving.

The south storage room, measuring 21' by 10' by 9', has a dirt floor and brick walls and ceiling. Naturally, it is damp and dirty; it has no ventilation, but is well lighted. The wooden shelving here is likewise wholly occupied by 8' of bound volumes and 172' of unbound records in file boxes 8" deep, and no space is obtainable for additional shelving. Here 60% of the records of the common pleas court, 5% of the records of the circuit court, 4% of the records of the superintendent of schools, 3% each of the records of the clerk and the recorder, and 2% of the surveyor's records are housed. Fair accommodations for users of the records are provided in all but the south storage room, in which none are provided.

Review

Additional shelving is needed in the office of the commissioner, the superintendent of schools, and the surveyor. The clerk and the sheriff need more space, since their shelving is filled and they have no space for more.

Much of this could be rectified, without constructing shelving in the offices or providing additional office space, by constructing another storage room; this is recommended by the Historical Records Survey, but it is advisable first to improve the existing storage rooms. The walls, floors, and ceilings of these rooms should be finished and sealed. Adequate accommodations for users also should be provided in those rooms where none are now provided.

While the housing of Montgomery County records is for the most part satisfactory, these changes will effect an improvement in present conditions--an improvement great enough, in the opinion of the Historical Records Survey, to justify such a relatively small expense and inconvenience as would attend these changes.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana)
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns	Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1953. 12 vols. Indianapolis, Ind. (c1953 and 1954) with Supplement 1956 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
c.	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse

ch.	chapter
chron.	chronologically, chronological
clk.	clerk, clerk's
comr.	commissioner, commissioners, commissioner's, commissioners'
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
cor.	coroner, coroner's
hdw.	handwritten
hi. sup.	highway supervisor, highway supervisor's
hlth. offr.	health officer, health officer's
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports).
Laws Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, Tho: 1801-1800. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931.
Laws N.W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, Tho: 1788-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pease. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1925)
mi.	pilo
n.	north
no.	northeast

no., nos.	number, numbers
nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pr. frm.	printed form
pt.	part
pvt.	private
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's
q.v.	which see
rec.	record
recr.	recorder
Rev. Laws 1831	Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by the general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1831.
Rev. Stat. 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat. 1852) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852)	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
Rev. Stat. 1881	Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James S. Frazor, John B. Stotsenburg, and David Turpio, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B. B. Myers and Company, 1881.
rm.	room
s.	south

soc.	section
se.	southeast
shf.	shoriff, shoriff's
apo. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt., supt. sch.	superintondent, superintondent's, superintendent of schools
sw.	southwest
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
wfr.	welfare
--	current
'	foot, foot
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving its legal status and functions.

In each legal status the inception date of each office is given as a comparative basis for the dates of the records. If the office were established before the origin of the county, the date of organization is the inception date. Whenever the inception date of records is later than the date of the organization of the county, it is by reason of statutory inauguration.

Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheads according to relative functions. The first breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second breakdown is relative to the first and is in capitals and lower-case, underscored at the margin.

Each entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a third cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are also supplied or are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the months and days are given. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

6. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the local status, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.
2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.
3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

I. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. (1) Montgomery County has had a board of commissioners from its creation in 1823, as provided in the acts of 1817, (2) and the revised statutes of 1852. (3)

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council (q.v.) which was then created. (4)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (5) It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its ex-officio clerk. (6)

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county. (7) letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges, (8) preparation of annual budget estimates, (9) and exercise of the right of eminent domain. (10) Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature, chiefly; to abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, (11) to

establish libraries (12) and hospitals, (13) to authorize payment of bounties, and to offer rewards. (14)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payment; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (15) An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (16)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (17)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor (q.v.) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor (q.v.). (18) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (19)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, 26-602, 26-603.
 - (2) Acts 1817, ch. 14, sec. 1.
 - (3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601.
 - (4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-533.

- (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606.
- (6) Acts 1863; Burns 26-607.
- (7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-620.
- (8) Acts 1905; Burns 36-1301.
- (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-516.
- (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101.
- (11) Acts 1859; Burns 26-701.

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| (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
41-502. | (16) Acts 1905, pp. 521-579. |
| (13) Acts 1903; Burns 22-3201. | (17) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1. |
| (14) Acts 1875; Burns 26-1101. | (18) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101 to
36-1109. |
| (15) Acts 1879, p. 226. | (19) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
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Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1883-1911. 8 vols. (1-4, 6, and
3 vols. not numbered). 1902-8, missing.

Record of claims and allowances, showing date, name of claimant,
amount of claim, claim and warrant numbers, proceedings and action
of board, and amount allowed. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.
7 vols., 1883-1901, Aud. off.; 1 vol., 1908-11, Comr. rm.

2. (MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS), 1825-27.

1 vol.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, nature of business transacted,
notices to committees, and introduction of ordinances. No index.
Hdw. 75 pp. 12 x 8 x 3. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

3. COMMISSIONERS' COURT, 1936. 18 boxes.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, nature of subjects, agreement,
and final decision. No index. 15 x 10 x 4 3/4. Aud. off.

4. COMMISSIONERS' TERM, 1888-1916. 7 boxes.

Advertised contracts for ditches and roads, showing date of publi-
cation, and payments of claims for labor and material. No index.
7 x 5 x 10. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

5. (COUNTY OFFICIAL'S ESTIMATES), 1879-1917. 3 boxes.

Official estimates of expenditures, showing date, name of office, amount of expense, and total. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

6. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT RECORD, 1890-1918.

30 vols. (1-7, 1-6, 1-2, 4-6, 4-5, and 10 vols. not numbered).

Record of appropriations and disbursements for construction of gravel roads, showing date, kind of appropriation, amount, name of road, nature of construction, kind of material, date of payment, receipt number, and amount. Arr. alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 364 pp. 16 x 19 x 1 3/4. 21 vols., 1890-1915, nw. bsmt. stg. rm.; 9 vols., 1910-18, Comr. off.

Bond Issues

7. OFFICIAL, 1879-84. 1 box.

Old liquidated bond issues for construction of gravel roads, showing date, amount, number of bond, and location and description of road. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

8. (TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT), 1918-34. 22 file boxes.

Annual report of trustees, showing date, name of fund, amount appropriated and disbursed, and balance. No index. 17 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

9. (ROAD BONDS), 1918-34. In same files as entry 8.

Gravel and concrete road bonds, showing date, amount, bond number, and location and description of road. No index. 17 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

10. (ROAD BOND COUPONS), 1918-34. In same file as entry 8. Coupons from road bonds, showing date paid, and amount of bond. No index. 17 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

11 CONTRACTOR'S BONDS, 1914-26. 2 boxes. Contractor's surety bonds, showing date, names of contractor and bondsman, amount, and date of expiration. No index. 14 x 10 x 13. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

Petitions

12. COMMISSIONERS' ROAD RECORD, 1872-74. 1 vol. (8). 1-7, prior to 1872, missing.

Record of petitions for repairs and construction of free gravel roads, showing date, name of road, location and description, and amount. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 563 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

13. VIEWER'S REPORTS, 1919-28. 1 box. Viewer's reports on estimation and construction of public highways, showing date, name of petitioner, and estimated cost. Arr. chron. 11 x 13 x 5. Sur. off.

Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts

14. REQUISITIONS, 1879-1917. 3 boxes. Requisitions for repairs and improvements, showing date, requisition no., kind of improvement, material, labor, amount, and cost. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

15. OFFICER'S REQUISITIONS, 1879-1917. 3 boxes.

Official requisitions for material and supplies, showing date, kind, and quantity. No index. 7 x 5 x 16. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

16. BIDS ON VOTING MACHINES, 1911-13. 1 box.

Bids for voting machines, showing date, amount, type, and name of bidder. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

17. (ROAD CONTRACTS), 1918-34. In same files as entry 8.

Contracts for gravel and concrete roads, showing date, name of contractor, location and description of road, and amount. No index. 17 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

18. CONTRACTS, 1914-26. 1 box.

Contracts for construction of roads, showing date, name of contractor, type, location and description of road, and cost. No index. 21 x 14 x 16. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

19. CONTRACTOR'S BIDS, 1911-13. 1 box.

Bids for miscellaneous materials, showing date, name of contractor, address, kind of material, and cost. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

Claims and Allowances

20. COMMISSIONER'S RECORD, 1823--. 32 vols. (1-32).

Record of claims and petitions pertaining to highways, bridges, culverts, and ditches, showing date, name of claimant, address, kind, amount, and location. Arr. alph. by names of subjects. Hdw. 585 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Comr. off.

21. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1921--. 5 vols.

Record of claims allowed, showing date, claim no., name of claimant, nature of claim, action taken, amount, and allowance. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 321 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Comr. off.

22. LEDGER, 1838-63. 2 vols. (5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of expenditures from poor fund, showing date, no. of voucher, amount of expense, kind of aid, and name of recipient.

Indexed alph. by types of expenses. Hdw. 334 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4.

Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

23. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM ON COUNTY EXPENDITURES, 1921-29.

1 box.

Claims for expenditures, showing date, claim and account no., nature of claim, date allowed, name of claimant, and amount. No index. 23 x 16 x 10. Nw.. bsmt. stg. rm.

24. (CLAIMS), 1856-67. 1 vol.

Record of claims, showing date, claim no., name and address of claimant, nature of claim, amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw.

Condition poor. 728 pp. 15 x 10 x 2 1/4. Comr. off.

25. COMMISSIONERS' ALLOWANCE, 1934-35. 18 boxes. Titles varies:

Commissioners' Claims.

Claims filed and allowed, showing date, claim no., name of claimant, kind of claim, date allowed and paid, and amount. No index. 15 x 10 x 4 3/4. Aud. off.

26. (CLAIMS TO BE FILED), 1933. 1 vol.

Claims on gravel roads, showing date, name and address of claimant, claim no., amount, and kind. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 15. Sur. off.

27. RECEIPTS, 1915-32. 16 vols. 1918-30, missing.

Stub receipts for claims, showing date, receipt no., name and address of claimant, kind of claim, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 125 pp. 16 x 7 x 1. 14 vols., 1915-18, west bsmt. stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1930-32, Aud. vt.

28. OLD AGE PENSION WARRANTS, 1934--. 3 vols.

Record of old age pension warrants, showing date, name and address of pensioner, warrant no., date allowed and issued, and amount. Arr. chron. Typed. 500 pp. 17 x 12 x 4. Corr. off.

29. OLD AGE PENSION RECORD, 1934--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of applications for old age pensions, showing date, name and address of applicant, age, amount, and date allowed. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Typed. 280 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Aud. off.

30. SOLDIER'S BURIAL RECORD, 1889-1901. 1 vol.

Record of burial of soldiers, sailors, and marines, showing name, date of birth, date and place of death, age, color, cause of death, cost of burial, names of parents, address, and date and place of birth. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 447 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

For other military records, see entries 64-65, 173-174.

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Roads, Bridges, and Buildings

31. LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR FREE GRAVEL ROAD REPAIRS,

1895-1930. 17 vols. (1-10, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Record of expenditures for free gravel roads, showing date, name of payee, amount, kind of material and tools, and total cost.

Indexed alph. by names of districts. Hdw. 325 pp. 17 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

32. REGISTER OF ROAD RECEIPTS, 1899-1900. 2 vols. (3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of expenditures for roads, showing date, names of employees, kind of material, cost, and number of receipt. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

33. GRAVEL ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1888-99. 1 vol.

Record of expenditures for gravel roads, showing date, names of employees, claim number, and amount of labor and material. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 15 x 1 3/4. Aud. off.

34. OLD ROAD RECEIPTS, 1880-1927. 8 boxes.

Road receipts, showing date, number, names of employees, number of hours, wages, and cost. No index. 10 x 7 x 5 1/2. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

35. COMMISSIONERS' PAPERS, 1890-96. 1 box.

Gravel road specifications and claims, showing date, name of claimant, claim number, amount, type of road, location, and total cost. No index. 7 x 5 x 10. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (1) The inception date of this board in Montgomery County is 1899.

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, (2) and continues from day to day until its business is completed. (3) Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. (4) Sessions must be public. (5) Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances: (6) a three-fourths vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriation of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council. (13)

All the records are located in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501,
26-502, 26-509, 26-515,
26-532. | (8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913;
Burns 26-521. |
| (2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-507. | (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515. |
| (3) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-620. |
| (4) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns
26-507. | (11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913;
Burns 26-521. |
| (5) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (12) Acts 1899, 1921, 1929;
Burns 26-532. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-511. | (13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534. |
| (7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. | |

36. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899-- 1 vol.

Record of council proceedings, showing date, nature of business, names of council members, chairman, and action taken. Arr. chron.
Hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 20 x 12 x 4.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (1) Prior to 1851, the office of clerk functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823.

The clerk of the circuit court also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the courts. (3)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards. (4) In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county, (5) issue certificates of election to successful candidates, (6) and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections. (7)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; (8) professional licenses, such as physicians', (9) dentists', (10) and optometrists'; (11) hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; (12) business licenses, such as poultry dealers' (13) and junk dealers'; (14) and permits to carry firearms. (15) He approves the bonds of county officers, (16) and approves and files the bonds of notaries. (17) He is required to keep a nurses' register (18) and a record of firm and partnership certificates, (19) and he also records many legal instruments.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2;
Burns 49-2701. | (9) Acts 1897; Burns 63-1302. |
| (2) Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8. | (10) Acts 1913; Burns 63-506. |
| (3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2706. | (11) Acts 1907; Burns 63-1009. |
| (4) Acts 1935; Burns 29-306. | (12) Acts 1927; Burns 11-302. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (13) Acts 1917; Burns 48-1407. |
| (6) Acts 1881; Burns 29-1501. | (14) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703. |
| (7) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns
29-2103. | (15) Acts 1925; Burns 10-4721. |
| (8) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201. | (16) Acts 1852; Burns 29-105. |
| | (17) Acts 1852; Burns 49-3503. |
| | (18) Acts 1905; Burns 63-003. |
| | (19) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201. |

Elections

Voters

37. INTENTION TO HOLD RESIDENCE, 1892-94. 1 vol.

Record of persons registering with intention of holding legal residence, showing name of elector, twp., name of street or present legal residence, and date. Indexed alph. by names of persons registering. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. West bsmt. stg. rm.

38. CLAIMS LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS, 1934--. 3 bundles.

Record of registered voters of county, showing names and addresses of voters, and precinct number. No index. 6 x 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

39. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS, 1918-24. 3 vols. (2, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of voters absent at time of election, showing name and address of voter, precinct, date mailed, date marked, date received, and witnesses. No index. Hdw. 175 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Returns

40. RECORD OF ELECTION, 1890--. 3 vols. (1-3). 1922-36,
missing.

Record of primary and general elections, showing different types of ballots, number of ballots, names of electors, and number of votes cast for each candidate. No index. Hdw. 225 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Official Bonds
(see also ontry 250)

County

41. RECORD OFFICIAL BOND, 1870--. 2 vols. (1-2). 1924-36,
missing.

Record of bonds given by county officials taking oath of office, showing office held, amount of bond, names of principals and sureties, condition of bond, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 612 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¹/₂. Clk. off.

42. GENERAL INDEX OF OFFICER'S BONDS, not dated. 3 vols.

General index of county and city officer's bonds, showing names of officers, sureties, office, date of commission, and expiration of term. Arr. alph. by names of officers. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

Township

43. JUSTICE BOND RECORD, 1876-1936. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of justice of peace bonds, showing amount of bond, name of bondsman, and date bond was given. Indexed alph. by names of justices of peace. Hdw. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. off.

44. JUSTICE AND CONSTABLE BONDS, not dated. 1 box.

Constable and justice of peace bonds, showing date, amount and condition of bond, and names of principal and sureties. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

Miscellaneous

45. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1906-33. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of bonds of notaries, showing name of notary, certification by clerk of court, amount of bond, name of bonding company, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of notaries. Hdw. 582 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 3/4. Clk. off.

46. NOTARY BONDS, 1912-29. 3 boxes.

Bonds given by notary public when appointed to office, showing amount of bond, date, names of principals and sureties, and condition of bond. Arr. chron. 1 box 13 x 10 x 4; 2 boxes, 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

Licenses

Marriage

(see also entry 318)

47. MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS, 1903-21. 4 boxes.

Applications for marriage licenses, showing intention to marry, residence, age, occupation, color, names of bride and groom, and date. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

48. MARRIAGE AFFIDAVITS, 1885-1910. 15 vols.

Record of marriage affidavits, showing names of bride and groom, ages, names of parents, and residence. Indexed alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 325 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Hw. bsmt. stg. rm.

For later records, see entry 51.

49. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1823--. 32 vols. (1, 2, 2, 2-50, and 1 not numbered).

Record of marriages, showing names of bride and groom, ages of bride and groom, place of birth, residence, date of marriage, and names of parents. Indexed alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Clk. off.

50. GENERAL INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORD, not dated. 3 vols.

General index to marriage record, showing name of bride, name of groom, age, and vol. and page no. of marriage records. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

51. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1827--. 31 boxes.

Record of marriage licenses issued by clerk, showing date, name of bride, of groom, of person performing ceremony, and of witnesses, and date filed by clerk. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

Professional

52. RECORD PHYSICIAN'S LICENSES, 1872--. 1 vol.

Record of physician certificates and licenses issued by county clerk, showing name of physician, age, qualifications, and name of college attended. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 500 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

53. PHYSICIANS AND DENTIST'S LICENSES, 1881-1933. 1 box.

Record of applications from dentists and physicians for licenses to practice their profession, showing name of applicant, place of business, date of issue, and license no. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

Business

54. RECORD OF JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1905--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of junk dealer's licenses issued in county, showing name of dealer, location of business, and date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 135 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Clk. off.

55. RECORD OF JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1921-26. 1 box.

Applications for junk dealer's licenses, showing no. of license, location of business, town, city, dates of filing and granting of licenses. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

56. POULTRY DEALER'S LICENSE, 1921-26. 1 box.

Applications for license to buy and sell poultry, showing name and address of applicant, no. of license, location of business, town, city, date of filing, and date license granted. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

57. PETTY MONEY LENDERS' LICENSE, 1913-16. 1 vol.

Record of licenses of petty money lender, showing name, age, and description of lender, and location of business. Indexed alph. by names of lenders. Hdw. 264 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Clk. off.

58. LICENSE FOR IMPROVED STOCK SIRO, 1891-1909. 1 box.

Applications for licenses for improved stock siro, showing description, pedigree, and age of siro, and name of owner. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

Certificates

59. CERTIFICATES OF PARTNERSHIP, 1929--. 1 box.

Certificates of partnership signed and registered, showing names of partners, name of partnership, location of business, and date filed. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

60. (INSURANCE CERTIFICATES), 1910-19. 1 vol.

Record of insurance certificates, showing name of company, name and residence of agent, and date filed. Indexed alph. by names of companies. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

61. LETTERS OF PATENT, 1883-1935. 1 box.

Certified copies of affidavits for patents, showing nature of patent, owner of rights, and date patented. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. rm.

62. PERMITS TO CARRY FIREARMS, 1907-34. 8 boxes.

Duplicates of permits to carry firearms, showing name of applicant, date, reason for permit being issued, and kind of weapon. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 3/4. Clk. off.

63. RECORD OF TRADE MARKS, 1903-16. 1 vol.

Record of trade marks to be used by companies, manufacturing firms, and corporations, showing name of firm, name and description of trade marks, and date. Indexed alph. by names of companies. Hdw. 424 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 1/2. Clk. off.

Registers

64. LIST OF OLD SOLDIERS, 1914-17. 1 box.

Record of old soldiers, sailors, and members of national guard living in county, showing name of veteran, age, and date discharged. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

For other military records, see entries 30, 173, 174.

65. ARMY RECORD, 1823-1913. 99 boxes.

Record of persons who served in army, showing date, name of person, number of years in service, date of enlistment, date of discharge, and military record. Arr. chron. 7 x 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

For other military records, see entries 30, 173-174.

66. REGISTER OF NEGROES AND MULATTOES, 1851-53. 1 vol.

Record of negroes and mulattoes residing in Indiana on or before 1857 to prove legal residence in said state, showing name of person, age, legal residence, and previous residence. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

67. DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1913-28. 10 vols.

(1-7, 9-11).

Record of clerk's daily balance, showing receipts, sources, disbursements, purpose, daily deposit, name of depository, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 11 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. West bsmt. stg. rm.

68. CASH BOOK AND RECEIPTS, 1836--. 51 vols. (1-4, and 47 vols. not numbered).

Record of cash receipts, showing fees collected on fines, marriage licenses, land settlement, civil, probate, and circuit court cases, insurance; and naturalization fees, sheriff's fees, jury fees, receipt no., case no., and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 9 x 2. 1836-1920, Nw. bsmt. stg. rm. 1921--, Clk. off.

69. CLERK'S CHECKS AND RECEIPTS, May-Nov. 1935. 1 box.

Stubs of fishing and hunting licenses issued, showing to whom issued, age, description, address, date issued, and license no. No index. 10 x 7 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

IV. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (1) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (2)

The office of prosecuting attorney was created by a legislative act in 1831. A prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1831.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (4) He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in Montgomery County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interests of all persons of unsound mind, superintends on behalf of the county any of its trust funds, and defends all suits in which the same may be interested. (5)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take deposition of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public. (6)

(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11;
2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2501.

(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502.

(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.

(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2503.

(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2504.

(6) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507.

No records could be found.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was created by the Constitution of 1816, and re-created by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1828, the organization date of the county. The twenty-second circuit comprises Montgomery County.

The court has general local jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and actions for divorce. It has original jurisdiction of the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships and all other causes, matters, and proceedings. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- (1) Const., art. 7, sec. 1. (3) Acts 1861; Burns 4-303.
(2) Const., art. 7, sec. 2.

Change of Venue.
(See also entry 216)

70. CASES VENUED FROM OTHER COUNTIES TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
1901-9.. 1 vol.

Record of cases venued to circuit court, showing county venued from, parties involved, action taken, judge's name, and court cost. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Clk. main off.

For earlier records, see entry 35.

71. (TRIED CASES), 1853--. 732 file boxes. (1-95, 1-637).

Papers of cases tried in circuit court, showing plaintiff's and defendant's names, warrant for defendant's arrest, and kind of case. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

Civil and Criminal Causes

72. GENERAL INDEX, not dated. 3 vols.

General index to all file boxes in clerk's office, showing type of case, parties, date, and box no. and location. Arr. alph. by names of cases. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. main off.

73. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1847-1922. ⁵ 5 vols. (1-5, 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of grand jury indictments, showing prosecuting attorney's name, date bill filed and recorded, defendant's name, and signature and affidavit of clerk. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Condition fair. 542 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. 1872-Nov. 15, 1879, ^{bsmt.} stg. rm.; Nov. 13, 1879-22, Clk. main off.

74. RECOGNIZANCE RECORD, 1881-1904. 1 vol.

Record of circuit court summons, showing defendant's name, charge, and date of appearance. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 585 pp. 13 x 13 x 2 1/2. West bsmt. stg. rm.

75. JUSTICE TRANSCRIPTS, 1863-1926. 6 file boxes.

Transcripts of cases appealed from justice of peace court to circuit court, showing attorney's name, date filed, cause, and defendant's name. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

76.. RECORD OF REJECTED CLAIMS, 1895-190 . 1 vol.

Record of claims rejected by court, showing claimant's name, nature of claim, amount of claim, and date of disposal. Arr. alph. by claimants. Hdw. 275 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. West bamt. stg. rm.

77, INSALE RECORD, 1881-- . 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of persons adjudged insane, showing medical examiner's reports, date, name and age of patient, and date committed to asylum. Arr. alph. by names of insane persons. Hdw. 576 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

78. INSANITY RECORDS, 1903-34. 4 file boxes.

Reports of examinations of persons declared insane, showing name and address of patient, name of examiner, and date declared insane. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

79. INSANITY WARRANTS, 1903-34. 4 file boxes.

Warrants for arrest of insane persons, showing name, age, address, and temperament of insane person, and date. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. pvt. off.

80. (PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION), 1855-60. 1 file box.

Petitions to become naturalized citizens, showing place of birth, age, date of arrival in this country, residence, occupation, name of petitioner, and date. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

81. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1855-1929. 4 vols. (1, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of persons taking out naturalization papers, showing name

of foreigner, age, place of birth, date of arrival in United States, residence, and occupation. Arr. alph. by names of naturalized citizens. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. main off.

82. COURT DECISIONS, 1853-1913. 99 filo boxes.

Decisions of court, showing plaintiff's and defendant's names, attorney's name, kind of case, case no., and action taken. Arr. chron. 7 x 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 132-135)

83. ENTRY ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1913--. 25 vols. (1-25).

Record of ~~entries~~, issues, and fees, showing date, plaintiff's and defendant's names, title of cause, court proceedings, and fees. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 350 pp. 12 x 13 x 3. Clk. main off.

84. ENTRY DOCKET, 1853-63. 1 vol.

Record of court cases, showing date, names of parties involved, kind of case, names of attorneys, court proceedings, and final settlement of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

85. COURT DOCKET, 1876--. 161 vols. (1-3, 2-3, 6-8, 11-12, 19-20, and 169 vols. not numbered).

Record of court cases, showing date, names of parties involved, attorney's names, case no., kind of case, action, and proceedings of court. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1876-1920, west bsmt. stg. rm.; 1920--, Clk. main off.

86. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1887--. 8 vols. (1-2, 1-3, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of court cases, showing cause no., names of parties involved and of witnesses, and trial date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 11 x 1. West bsmt. stg. rm.

87. ORDER BOOK, 1813--. 127 vols. (1-127).

Record of court orders in civil cases, showing date, court term, nature of order, no., plaintiff's and defendant's names, and amount. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1818-1912, ndw.; Feb. 3, 1912--, typed. 586 pp. 13 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 126 vols., Clk. main off., 1 vol., Clk. pvt. off.

88. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1838--. 32 vols. (1-28, 4, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of judgments in circuit court, showing date, names of parties involved, amount of judgment, and receipts of satisfaction. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1883-Sept. 1935, hdw.; Sept. 1935--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. main off.

89. AFFIDAVITS OF REDEMPTION, 1824-36. 1 file box.

Judgments returned by court, showing amount of judgment, date of judgment, and plaintiff's and defendant's names. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. off.

90. RELEASE OF JUDGMENTS, 1910--. 2 file boxes.

Judgments released or paid, showing property and real estate involved, amount of judgment, date paid, and name of payer. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

91. COMPLETE RECORD, 1825-1935. 60 vols. (1-60).

Record of cases of circuit, civil, and probate courts, showing date, case no., plaintiff's and defendant's names, kind of case, proceedings of court, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1825-1912, ndw.; 1912-35, typed. 640 pp. 13 x 13 x 3. Clk. main off.

Executions

(See also entries 193-204).

92. PRAECIPE RECORD, 1906-24. 1 vol.

Record of action ordered by court, showing plaintiff's and defendant's names, attorney's name, court term, and dates filed and completed. Arr. chron. ndw. 225 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. main off.

93. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1829--. 19 vols. (2-19, A).

Record of executions by court order, showing plaintiff's and defendant's names, issue date, kind of writ, amount, interest, costs, date of judgment, and to whom delivered. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1829-1917, ndw.; Dec. 30, 1917--, typed. 325 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Clk. main off.

94. EXECUTIONS, 1836-1935. 30 file boxes.

Clerk's order to sheriff to levy upon property against which judgment has been rendered, showing amount of judgment, description of property, assessed valuation, location, and name of owner. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. pvt. off.

95. WARRANTS FOR ARRESTS, not dated. 1 file box.

Warrants for arrests, showing name of person, date of arrest, cause, time of hearing, and decision of judge. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

96. LIS PENDENS COMPLAINTS, 1877--. 1 vol.

Record of complaints filed by plaintiff against property, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause no., description of property, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by names of defendants, Hdw. 540 pp. 18 x 12 x 5. Clk. main off.

97. LIS PENDENS NOTICES, 1933--. 1 file box.

Sheriff's notices of attachment of property by court order pending settlement of case, showing names of parties in case, description of property attached, and date. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. pvt. off.

98. LIS PENDENS-SHERIFFS, 1878--. 4 vols. (1,3,1,4).

Record of attachments, and sale of property by sheriff on court order, showing names of parties involved, description of property, amount of attachment, amount of sale, costs, name of purchaser, and date. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 570 pp. 10 x 12 x 5. Clk. main off.

99. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES OF SALE, 1832-1923. 4 file boxes.

Sheriff's certificates of sales of real estate to satisfy judgments, showing description of property, amount of judgment, sale date, amount of sale, name of purchaser, and names of parties in case. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

For later records, see entry 93.

100. (AFFIDAVITS FOR REDEMPTION), 1879-87. 1 vol.

Record of affidavits for redemption of property sold by court order, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, amount of sales, name of person making affidavit, and date. Arr. alpn. by names of affidavits. Hdw. 496 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Clk. main off.

101. (CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION), 1879-87. 1 vol.

Record of certificates of redemption of property where judgment has been paid, showing date, amount of judgment, costs, name of redeemer, and names of plaintiffs and defendants. Arr. alpn. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 490 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Clk. main off.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 136-133)

102. (GUARDIAN'S PAPERS OF ESTATE), 1936--. 52 file boxes
(A-Z, A-Z).

Papers pertaining to guardianships and estates, showing names of guardian, estate, and wards; amount of estate, and date. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

103. ESTATES, 1826--. 521 file boxes (1-518, 521, 520, 523).

List of estates, showing names of guardians, board, and administrators; agreements and settlements; and names of heirs. No index.
10 x 4 x 13 5/8. Clk. pvt. off.

104. PAID CLAIMS, not dated. 1 file box.

Claims paid in probate cases, showing date, to whom paid, amount,

nature of claim, and case no. No index. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

105. WILL RECORD, 1822--. 13 vols. (A,1-12).

Record of wills, showing names of deceased and of heirs, amount of estate, date, amount of bequests, and name of guardian. Arr. alph. by names of testators. 1822-Apr. 11, 1928, hdw.; Apr. 11, 1928--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

106. GENERAL INDEX OF WILLS, not dated. 3 vols.

General index to will record, showing name of deceased, and volume and page nos. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 12 x 2. Clk. main off.

107. WILLS, 1823-1929. 13 file boxes.

Transcripts of wills, showing date, names of testators and heirs, and amount of bequests. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Clk. main off.

108. CLERK'S REPORTS OF WILLS PROBATED, 1861-1916. 1 vol.

Record of wills probated, showing name of deceased, date will recorded, amount of estate, final settlement, and administrator's name. Arr. alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 423 pp. 17 x 12 x 4. Clk. main off.

109. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND RECORD, 1853-1935. 14 vols.

(1-12, 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of bonds of administrators, guardians, and executors, showing administrator's name, name of deceased, date and amount of bond, and judge's name. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. 1853-Nov.3,1925, hdw.; 1925-35, typed. 530 pp. 17 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

110. GUARDIAN'S, ADMINISTRATOR'S, AND ESTATE BONDS, 1907-31.

9 file boxes.

Guardian's and administrator's bonds, showing date, name of bonding company, amount of bond, name of party bonded, and estate involved.

Arr. chron. 11 x 19 x 5. Clk. main off.

111. GENERAL INDEX OF GUARDIANS, not dated. 4 vols. (A-Z).

General index to administrator's, executor's, and guardian's bonds, showing names of executor, administrator or guardian; name of

estate; and bond record and page no. Arr. alph. by names of

administrators, executors and guardians. Hdw. 400 pp. 13 x 13

x 3. West bsmt. stg. rm.

112. REPORTS OF MONEY RECEIVED, 1881-82. 1 vol.

Record of administrator's accounts of money received, showing from whom received, on what account, date received, amount, and remarks.

Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 588 pp. 15 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

West bsmt. stg. rm.

113. INVENTORY RECORD, 1831-1935. 19 vols. (9-21, and

6 vols. not numbered).

Record of inventory of personal property and estates of deceased, showing name of deceased, description of property, appraisal

value, date, and amount of debts. Arr. alph. by names of estates.

Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1831-Feb. 6, 1910, west bsmt. stg.

rm.; Feb. 17, 1910-35, Clk. main off.

114. DECREE AND ORDER OF SALE, 1926--. 8 file boxes.

Orders of sales of real estate to satisfy judgments rendered by court, showing description of real estate, amount of judgment, and

valuation of land. Arr. chron. 10 x 15 x 5. Clk. main off.

115. SALE BILL RECORDS, 1871-1935. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of sale of personal property of estates, showing date, description of property, amount of sale, and name of estate. Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 292 pp. 13 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1871-Oct. 10, 1910, Hdw. bsmt. stg. rm.; 3 vols., Oct. 7, 1910-35, Clk. main off.

116. GENERAL INDEX FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, not dated.

2 vols. (A-Z).

General index of sale of real estate by guardians, administrators, or executors, showing names of petitioners, page no., and remarks. Arr. alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 400 pp. 13 x 13 x 3. West bsmt. stg. rm.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 139-144)

117. GENERAL ENTRY AND CLAIM ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1865--. 16 vols. (1-16).

Record of entries and claims allowed against estates, showing name of estate; names of sureties, executor or administrator, and claimant; amount of claim, and date allowed. Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. main off.

118. ESTATE ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1913-23. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of entries, claims and allowance, and fees in estate cases, showing name of deceased, name of administrator or executor, clerk's cost, date of court proceedings, amount of fees, and name of claimant. Arr. alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 269 pp. 16 x 16 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

119. GUARDIAN'S DOCKET, 1825-1950. 3 vols. (1-2, 4-6).

Record of guardianships, showing name of guardian, name and age of ward, name of estate, court proceedings, cost, and date.

Arr. alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 225 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Clk. main off.

120. COURT DOCKET PROBATE, 1837--. 35 vols. 1857-76,
missing.

Record of all probate cases, showing case no., attorneys' names, names of parties involved, and court orders and proceedings. No index. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 27 vols., 1876-1919, III. bmt.

stg. rm. 3 vols., 1837-75 and 1919--., Clk. main off.

121. JUDGE'S DOCKET OF ESTATES, 1855-61. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of estate cases, showing name of estate, name of administrator, amount of bond, condition of bond, name of surety, and date.

Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 592 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

122. RECORD OF ACCOUNT-CURRENT, 1913--. 13 vols. (1-13).

Record of accounts of guardians and administrators in estate cases, showing name of guardian or administrator, name of estate, date, and administrator's final report. Arr. alph. by names of estates.

Typod. 593 pp. 12 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. main off.

123. ORDER BOOK (Ditches), 1862-93. 2 vols. (1-2).

Title Varies: Ditches.

Record of petitions for drainage ditches, showing date, names of petitioners, and type and location of ditch. Arr. alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 591 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. main off.

124. ORDER BOOK PROBATE, 1825--. 61 vols. (1-61).

Record of probate cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, type of case, term of court, name of deceased, names of heirs, guardian's report, court fees, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1871-1912, hdw.; 1912-- , typed. 592 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4. Clk. main off.

125. COMPLETE RECORD PROBATE, 1830--. 75 vols. (1-75).

Complete record of cases in probate court, showing parties involved, kind of case, trial date, and court order. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1830-Jan. 1913, hdw.; 1913-- , typed. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Clk. main off.

126. GENERAL INDEX, COMPLETE RECORD OF ESTATES, not dated.

4 vols. (A-H, I-Q, R-Z, A-Z).

General index to estate records, showing name of estate, and volume and page nos. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 225 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Clk. main off.

Fee and Cash Records

127. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS IN TRUST, 1913--. 4 vols.

(1,6-8). 1917-19, missing.

Record of fees and funds held in trust by clerk of court, showing title of cause, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount received and disbursed, and date. Arr. alph. by names of payers and payees. Hdw. 296 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1913-16, west bsmt. str. rm.; 3 vols., 1919--; Clk. main off.

128. FEE BOOK, 1889--. 50 vols. (1-2,6,10-33, and 23 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees in state cases, showing name of party involved, type of case, amount of fee, and date. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 560 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 49 vols., Clk. main off.; 1 vol., Clk. pvt. off.

129. PROBATE FEE BOOK, 1852--. 19 vols. (1,1,4-7,10-17, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees in court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, type of case, amount of fee, and date. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 250 pp. 20 x 11 x 2. 10 vols., ~~mw~~. bsmt. stg. rm.; 9 vols., 1886--; Clk. main off.

130. REGISTER OF WITNESS AND OTHER FEES, 1872-1926. 6 vols. (2-5,1884-; 1 vol. not numbered).

Register of fees paid to circuit court witnesses, showing witness name, case, amount of fee, and date. Arr. alph. by names of witnesses. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 5 vols., 1872-1920, ~~mw~~. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1921-26, Clk. off.

131. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1920--. 1 vol. Record of cash book receipts and disbursements of circuit court, showing from whom received, to whom paid, and amounts. No index. Hdw. 321 pp. 17 x 18 x 2. Clk. off.

VI. COMMON PLEAS COURT

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852, effective in Montgomery County in 1853. The judge was elected for a term of four years. (1)

The court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relating to executors and administrators; (2) in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and an action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; (3) and criminal jurisdiction in cases which were not felonies, except those triable by the justice of the peace. (4)

At the time of the creation of this court, cases pending which came under the new jurisdiction, were transferred from the circuit court to the common pleas court. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas records until completion of the suits. (5)

All the records are located in the courthouse, and are with other court records, in the custody of the clerk of the circuit court.

(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 1.

(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 5, sec. 4.

(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 11.

(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 14.

(5) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.

Civil and Criminal Causes

Court Proceedings

132. ISSUE DOCKET, 1854-64. 1 vol.

Record of court issues, showing names of parties to action, date filed, cause number, nature of case, and proceedings. Arr. chron. Hdw. 255 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. N. bsmt. stg. rm.

133. EXECUTION DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of executions on court judgments, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of parties to action, judgment debt, amount, date, cost, and officer's returns. Arr. chron. Hdw. 315 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

134. ORDER BOOK OF COMMON PLEAS, 1852-73. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of all orders issued by court, showing dates, term of court, names of parties to action, execution, return of judgments, and appointments of administrators and guardians. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 568 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. off.

135. COMPLETE RECORD, 1853-71. 5 vols. (1-5).

Complete record of proceedings, showing type of case, names of defendant and plaintiff, and decision rendered. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 605 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. off.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 102-116)

136. GENERAL INDEX COMMON PLEAS PROBATE CASES, not dated.

3 vols. (A-Z).

General index, showing names of decedents, estate, and executor, and date of disposal of case. Arr. alph. by decedents. Hdw.

400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Bsmt. stg. rm.

137. RECORD EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND GUARDIAN BONDS,

1852-55. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted, showing names of applicant and surety, amount of bond, and date of approval. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Bsmt. stg. rm.

For later records, see entry 109.

138. RECORD OF LETTERS, 1852-55.

Record of letters of appointment of administrator to estates in process of settlement, showing date, name of administrator, and name of estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Bsmt. stg. rm.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 117-126)

139. RECORD OF INVENTORY AND SALE BILLS, Jan.-Mar. 1853. 1
vol.

Record of sale bills of personal property of deceased sold at public auction, showing description of property, name of estate, and date of sale. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Bsmt. stg. rm.

140. APPEARANCE DOCKET-PROBATE, 1853-81. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of appearances in court, showing names of administrator and estate, proceedings, return to be made by administrator, receipts for money paid in, amount, names of claimants and attorneys. No index. Hdw. 291 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

141. GENERAL INDEX OF APPEARANCE DOCKET, not dated. 3 vols.

(A-H, I-Q, R-S).

Index to appearance docket, showing names of estate and executor, date of settlement, and volume and page numbers. Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Bsmt. stg. rm.

142. JUDGE'S DOCKET OF GUARDIANSHIP, 1873-81. 2 vols. (2-3).

Record of guardianships, showing names of guardian and ward, amount of bond, names of sureties, and solvency report. Arr. alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 586 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. off.

143. COURT DOCKET, 1871-73. 19 vols.

Record of cases filed, showing names of parties to suit, action taken, case number, proceedings, and disposition. No index. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. stg. rm.

144. ORDER BOOK PROBATE, 1861-71. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of orders issued, showing date filed, term of court, case number, plaintiffs, defendants, and orders of court as to disposition of cases. Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

VII. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents for officials and private persons as required by law. Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (3) satisfactions, cancellations, and assignments of any kind, (4) releases, (5) mechanics' liens, (6) and leases. (7)

The recorder is also required to keep a record of articles of incorporation filed in his office, (8) and certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana. (9) There are also on file in the office of the recorder, records of cemetery deeds, (10) cemetery associations, (11) farm names, (12) and chattel mortgages. (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; | (8) Acts 1923; Burns 25-219. |
| Burns 49-3201. | (9) Acts 1913; Burns 25-304. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (10) Acts 1915; Burns 21-225. |
| (3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns | (11) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| 49-3210. | 25-1520. |
| (4) Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203. | (12) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3236. |
| (5) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns | (13) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1897; |
| 3-2519. | Burns 33-301. |
| (6) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703. | |
| (7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, | |
| 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119. | |

Deeds, Title, and Grants

145. DEED RECORD, 1823--. 154 vols. (1-136, duplicates of 1-17, 40).

Record of deeds, showing names of grantors and grantors, date, description of land, amount of consideration, date of recording, and book and page nos. Indexed alph. by names of grantors. 1823-June 27, 1908, hdw.; June 27, 1908-- , typed. 575 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

146. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, 1823--. 44 vols. (1-31, and 13 vols. not numbered).

Index to deed records, showing names of parties, date, consideration, description of lands and lots, and book and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of grantors. Hdw. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. off.

147. ORIGINAL DEEDS, 1828-37. 1 file box.

Original land patent as issued by the General Land Office of the United States, at Crawfordsville, Ind. No index. 10 x 4 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. vt.

148. INSTRUMENTS, (DEEDS), 1832-50. 1 file box.

Uncalled for deeds, not legible. No index. Condition poor. 10 x 4 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. vt.

149. STATISTICAL RECORD OF DEEDS, 1897-1917. 1 vol.

Statistical record of deeds, showing kind of deed, amount involved, and totals. Arr. chron. Hdw. 78 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Recr. off.

150. CEMETERY PLATS AND DEEDS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of deeds of cemetery lots, showing names of grantee and grantor, description of lot, date of deed record, consideration, and affidavits. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. Typed. 498 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. main off.

151. CEMETERY DEEDS, Jan.-Feb. 1934. 1 file box.

Warranty deeds for cemetery burial lots, left for recording but uncalled for. No index. 10 x 4 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

152. SHERIFF'S DEEDS, 1870-79. 1 vol.

Record of deeds issued for property sold by sheriff, showing name of purchaser, amount, description, and location. Arr. alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 575 pp. 26 x 15 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Recr. main off.

For sales record, see entry 195.

153. PATENT DEEDS, 1928-34. 1 file box.

Photostatic copies of old deeds and land patents, issued under dates of 1827-37; correctness verified by auditor under dates shown in date line. No index. Photostat. 10 x 4 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

154. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of deeds on which title has been quieted by court, showing description and location of land, and transcript of court order. Indexed alph. by names of defendants and plaintiffs. Typed. 584 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. main off.

155. QUIET TITLE, 1925--. 3 file boxes.

Petitions to quiet title, showing names of defendant and complainant, location of property, and decision of court. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

156. RECORD OF WILLS AND ORDERS OF COURT, 1888--. 3 vols.

(1-3).

Record of wills probated in court, showing names of person bequeathing property and of beneficiary, and conditions of will. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1888-Oct. 4, 1905, hdw.; Oct. 4, 1905--, typed. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Recr. main off.

157. WILLS (MISC.), 1866-1936. 4 file boxes.

Copies of wills, showing date, name of deceased, amount of estate, and names of beneficiaries. No index. 10 x 4 x 12 1/2. Recr. vt.

158. AFFIDAVITS, 1886--. 1 file box.

Affidavits as to ownership of land and estates, showing acknowledgments and signatures. No index. 10 x 4 1/2 x 12 1/2. Recr. vt.

159. TRANSCRIPT, 1923--. 3 file boxes.

Transcript of proceedings in court, showing names of guardian and ward, description of real estate, and date of recording. Arr. by document nos. 10 x 4 1/2 x 12 1/2. Recr. vt.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estate

160. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1842--. 121 vols. (1-121).

Record of real estate mortgages, showing name, amount, date, affidavit, record and release, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. 1842-June 5, 1907, hdw.; June 6, 1907--, typed. 586 pp. 15 x 9 x 2 1/2. Recr. off.

161. GENERAL INDEX MORTGAGES, 1831--. 31 vols. (1-26, and 5 vols. not numbered).

General index to mortgage records, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description, location, date, and book and page nos.

No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 15 x 2. Recr.off.

162. INSTRUMENTS, 1832-50. 1 filo box.

Mortgages left for recording, and uncalled for. No index. 16 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

163. STATISTICAL RECORD-MORTGAGES, 1897-1917. 1 vol.

Monthly statements of mortgages recorded and satisfied, showing farm lands, city lots, school fund loans, and date satisfied.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 18 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

Chattels

164. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 2 vols. (59-60).

Minutes in chattel mortgage transactions, showing no. of instrument, date filed, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 325 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Recr. off.

165. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1883-1935. 58 vols. (1-15,

18- 20, 22, 24, 27-29, 31-58, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date, amount, and description of property. 1883-Dec. 11,

1908, hdw.; Dec. 11, 1908-35, typed. 590 pp. 15 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1883-Dec. 1, 1901, bsmt. stg. rm.; Dec. 3, 1901-35, Recr. off.

166. GENERAL INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGE, 1880--. 9 vols.

(1-3, and 6 vols. not numbered).

Index to chattel mortgage records, showing names of grantors and grantees, kind of mortgage, and amount. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 356 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

167. (CHATTEL MORTGAGE PAPERS), 1935--. 26 file boxes (A-Z).

Chattel mortgage papers, showing names of mortgagee and mortgagor, and amount of mortgage. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

Releases

168. SATISFACTIONS, CANCELATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS, 1909-12.

1 vol.

Record of satisfactions, cancellations and assignments of mortgages, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, kind of instrument, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 15 x 11 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Recr. off.

Liens

169. SIRE LIENS, 1890--. 1 vol.

Record of sire liens, showing date, amount of service fee, names of stallions and mares, description of mare, and name of owner. Indexed alph. by names of owners of sires. Hdw. 586 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

170. MECHANIC'S LIEN AND LANDLORD'S LIEN, 1917--. 2 file boxes.

Liens taken on property and crops to secure payment for rent,

material, and labor, showing names of parties, no. of instrument, and amount of lien. For index, see entry 174. 12 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Recr. vt.

171. ENTRY BOOK, 1846-- . 30 vols. (1-4, 6-8, 11, 14, 17, 19, 23-25, 27-30, and 12 vols. not numbered).

Record of instruments, showing date and how recorded, names of grantors and grantees, kind of instrument, fees collected, and description of property. Arr. chron. Hdwr. 243 pp. 16 x 13 x 4.

Recr. off.

Register of Legal Instruments

172. ORIGINAL ENTRY BOOK, (COPY), 1822-50. 1 vol.

Record of sale of government lands, showing description, sec, range, location, and name of purchaser. Arr. chron. Hdwr. 140 pp. 16 x 11 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

173. SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE RECORD, 1925-- . 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of honorable discharges from U. S. Army and Navy, showing name, age, and unit of service. Indexed alph. by names of soldiers or sailors. Hdwr. 517 pp. 13 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

For other military records, see entries 30, 64-65.

174. SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE, 1921. 1 file box.

Soldier's discharge papers, showing name, age, date, enlistment, and date discharged from service. No index. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Recr. vt.

For other military records, see entries 30, 64-65.

175. RECORD OF FARM NAMES, 1913-21. 1 vol.

Record of farm names, showing owner's name, description of farm, location, and name of farm. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Typed. 424 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

176. INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP, 1881-92. 2 vols.

Record of agreements by parties in charge of poor children, showing names of children, ages, color, and kind of vocational training. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 7 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

177. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, 1900--. 2 file boxes.

Articles of agreement for incorporations, showing shares, amount of capital stock, by-laws, names of officers, and legal name of corporation. No index. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

178. INCORPORATION INDEX, not dated. 1 vol.

Index of official names of corporations, showing page and volume nos. Arr. alph. by names of corporations. Hdw. 292 pp. 19 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

179. CONTRACTS AND LEASES, (Articles of Incorporation),
1933--. 1 box.

Articles of incorporation of business, from clubs, churches, and cemeteries, showing name of corporation, date of filing, purpose, constitution, by-laws, and names of members. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

180. CONTRACTS AND LEASES, 1933--. 1 box.

Record of conditional sale contracts on land and lots, showing type of contract, names of parties, amount, and description of land. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

181. AGREEMENTS (BECILLANOUS), 1870--. 4 file boxes.
Agreements covering property transfers, showing date, names of parties, and rental amounts. No index. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

182. INSTRUMENTS, 1832-50. 1 box.
Notices of election of church trustees, showing names, date of election, and location and name of church. No index. Condition fair. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

183. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES, 1815-35. 1 file box.
Papers of election of trustees of churches, fraternal orders, and various organizations, showing name of organization, names of trustees, and date. No index. 10 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

184. DITCH RECORD, 1835-1935. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of petitions for public drains and ditches, showing location, description of land, name of landowner, and engineer's estimate of cost. 1835-1907, hdw.; 1908-25, typed. 142 pp.
13 x 12 x 1. Recr. off.

185. INDEX OF DITCH RECORD, 1838--. 1 vol.
General index to ditch records, showing name of ditch, names of petitioners, and volume and page nos. Arr. alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 250 pp. 20 x 14 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Recr. off.

Miscellaneous Records

186. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1854--. 22 vols. (1-22).
Record of miscellaneous instruments, contracts, and agreements, showing date, names of parties of first and second part, and

nature of instrument or contract. Indexed alph. by names of parties of first part. 1854-Sept. 7, 1907, hdw.; Sept. 7, 1907--, typed. 431 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

Fee and Cash Books

187. FEE REGISTER AND CASH BOOK, 1861--. 17 vols. (3-14, 1, 1910, 1911, and 2 not numbered).

Record of fees collected, showing date, time recorded, name of payer, total receipts, and amount paid treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. 367 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

188. DAILY BALANCE, 1927-32. 2 fileboxes.

Daily balance sheets, showing date, type of record, amount of fees, and total. No index. 22 x 12 x 5. West bsmt. stg. rm.

Map and Plats

189. ORIGINAL PLAT BOOK, 1848. 1 vol.

Transcripts of original land plats, showing twp., range, description of land, and section lines. Arr. alph. by twps. Hdw. 38 pp. 19 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

190. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1850. 1 map.

Political map, showing twps., land divisions, and names of owners. Published at Rockford, Ill., by Stacey Map Publishers. No scale given. 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 36. Recr. off.

191. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1917. 1 atlas.

Atlas showing individual maps of towns and cities of Montgomery County, historical dates, and land surveys. Published at Chicago,

Ill., by George A. Ogle. Black and white. Scale varies. $17 \frac{3}{4}$
 $\times 15 \times 3 \frac{1}{4}$.

192. CHARITABLES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1925-35. 30 maps.

Flat maps of cemeteries in county, showing location and no. of
lots, and location of driveways. Black and white. Scale varies.
 $14 \frac{1}{2} \times 17 \frac{1}{2} \times 1$. Recr. off.

VIII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure faithful performance of his duties, and is required to take the usual oath of office. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within Montgomery County. He may arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest. He is required to suppress all breaches of the peace and has authority to call to his aid the power of the county; pursue and commit to jail all felons; maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justice of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on indictments, warrants, affidavits, and upon information received from the prosecutor or the court, and commits them to jail. (6)

As a court officer of Montgomery County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate sold on

executions; (9) conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions of the county council (11) and the county commissioners, (12) and executes their orders.

All of the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2801. | (8) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 3-1819. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (9) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 2-4101. |
| (3) Const., 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. | (10) Acts 1905; Burns 9-2252. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802. | (11) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 10-5310. | (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611. |
| (6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-1001. | |
| (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2803. | |

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 92-101)

193. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1873--. 16 vols. (1-16).

Record showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, fees and costs, and date of court decree. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 240 pp. 12 x 16 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Shf's off.

194. REGISTER OF ATTACHMENTS AND REPLEVINS, 1895--. 2 vols.

Register of attachments and replevins, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, return date, sheriff's fees and costs, court order of attachment, replevin bond, and service rendered. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 125 pp. 12 x 16 x 2. Shf's off.

195. RECORD OF CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASES, 1881-94. 1 vol.

Record of certificates of purchases, showing names of principals,

kind of writ, amount of judgment, date of sale, amount realized, purchase, and purchaser's deed. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 12 x 2³/₄. Shf's off.

For Sheriff's Deed Record, see entry 195.

196. (CANCELED CERTIFICATES OF SALE), 1923--. 1 file box. Certificates of court orders to sell property to satisfy judgments, retired after order has been executed and property sold. No index. 11 x 5 x 12. Shf's off.

197. REGISTRY OF FOREIGN WRITS, SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1881-93. 1 vol.

Record of foreign writs, showing title and parties to suit, county of origin, nature of writ, date of service and return, and sheriff's fees. Arr. by case nos. Hdw. 212 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 ³/₄. Shf's off.

198. (WARRANTS TO APPREHEND INSANE PERSONS), 1923--. 2 file boxes. Warrants to apprehend and detain persons supposedly insane, showing date, name and residence of suspect, and date of service. No index. 11 x 5 x 12. Shf's off.

199. (SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY GRAND JURY), 1923--. 1 file box. Grand jury call to persons to appear as witnesses at appointed time and place. No index. 11 x 5 x 12. Shf's off.

200. (PETIT JURY SUBPOENAS), 1923--. 1 file box. Call to persons to appear as witnesses, showing date of issue, name and address of person called, and time and place of appearance. No index. 11 x 5 x 12. Shf's off.

201. (PERSONAL SEARCH WARRANTS), 1923--. 2 file boxes.

Warrants permitting search of persons declared suspicious, showing name and address, purpose of search, and edict of court. No index. 11 x 5 x 12. Shf. off.

202. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1859--. 113 vols. 1863-69, missing.

Record of sheriff's services rendered in court cases, showing case number, names of litigants, kind of action, witnesses, name of attorney, court proceedings, and services of sheriff. Arr. by case numbers. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1859-1928, Shf. off.; 1873-1916, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1929-Jan. 11, 1936, Shf. stg. rm.; Jan. 11, 1936-- , Shf. off.

203. SHERIFF'S STATE DOCKET, 1879-99. 1 vol.

Record showing date, title of cause, nature of writ, names of witnesses, date of service, date of return, and sheriff's fees. Arr. by case numbers. Hdw. 60 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Shf. off.

For later records, see entry 202.

204. SHERIFF'S DOCKET OF CAUSES, 1879-84. 1 vol.

Record showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, court term, costs, and sheriff's fees. Arr. numerically. Hdw. 50 pp. 12 x 18 x 2 3/4. Shf. off.

205. SHERIFF'S RECORD OF MILEAGE, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's mileage, showing names and residences of persons served, number or title of cause, miles traveled, and expenditures of sheriff. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Shf. off.

206. JAIL REGISTER, 1877--. 4 vols.

Record of persons committed to jail, showing name and address of prisoner, charge filed, dates received and discharged, and total days confined. No index. Hdw. 470 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
2 vols., 1895--, jail off.; C.C., 2 vols., 1877-95, Shf. off.

207. PRISON RECORD BOOK, 1912--. 3 vols. (1-2, 4).

Vol. 3, 1919-26, missing.

Record of transfer of prisoners, showing name, crime charged, date, destination, cost of transfer; also shows sheriff's deeds, attendance at commissioners' court, and summons issued. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 15 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Shf. off.

208. RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS OF ELECTION SHERIFFS, 1870--.

1896-1904, missing.

Record of appointments of election sheriffs, showing date, name of appointee, residence, and place of election by precinct, ward, and township. Arr. chron. Hdw. 255 pp. 22 x 9 x 1. Shf. bsmt. stg. rm.

Fee and Cash Books

209. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1893--.

12 vols. (1, 3-8, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees collected by sheriff, showing date, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature and date of writ, dates served and returned, name of attorney, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 291 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Shf. off.

210. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1901--. 3 vols.

Record of cash receipts, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and payer, kind of writ served, sheriff's fees and costs, and total amount received. No index. Hdw. 369 pp. 17 x 13 x 2. Shf. main off.

211. REGISTER OF FEE BILLS, 1853-1901. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of fee bills, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, accrued costs and fees, nature of writs served, and sheriff's fees. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 3/4. Shf. main off.

Maps

212. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1930. 1 map.

Surveyor's map, showing townships, sectional divisions, farms, acreage, and names of owners. Published at Rockford, Ill., by the Stacy Map Publishers. Printed. No scale given. 48 x 36. Shf. main off.

IX. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury, (4) and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a postmortem examination, (5) filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. (6) He is a peace officer with the same powers as sheriff, (7) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (8) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (9)

The records are located in the clerk's office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2. | (6) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts |
| (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts | 1879 spc. sess.; Burns |
| 1933; Burns 49-2901. | 49-2909. |
| (3) Const. 1816, art. 4, | (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts |
| sec. 25. | 1933; Burns 49-2901. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts | (8) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| 1871, 1879 spc. sess.; | 49-2902. |
| Burns 49-2904. | (9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| (5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; | 49-2903. |
| Burns 49-2906. | |

213. CORONER'S INQUEST, 1913--.. 3 file boxes..

Record showing name of deceased, date of death, result of investigation, cause of death, and coroner's verdict. Arr. chron.

11 x 15 x 5.

X. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. (1) No person can hold the office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (2) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1841.

This office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary to the board of finance. (8) He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review. (9) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (10) and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks. (11) As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (12)

Other routine duties are: Keeping a land transfer record book; (13) managing the common school and congressional township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (14) and apportioning semiannually the interest of these funds to the school corporations; (15)

preparing the ditch duplicate covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing peddlers' licenses, (17) and public warehouse permits; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of township trustees. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3001. | (11) Acts 1935; Burns 64-810. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (12) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. |
| (3) Acts 1899; Burns 49-3003. | (13) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Acts 1879; Burns 28-806. | (14) Acts 1865; Burns 28-104; Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611. | (15) Acts 1879; Burns 28-265. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509. | (16) Acts 1933; Burns 27-134. |
| (7) Acts 1935; Burns 64-304. | (17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204. |
| (8) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606. | (18) Acts 1875, 1879 spec. sess.; Burns 67-201. |
| (9) Acts 1919, 1920 spec. sess.; Burns 64-1201. | (19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011. |
| (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403. | (20) Acts 1915; Burns 64-103. |

Audits and Reports

214. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1912-18. 2 vols.

Record of certificates on treasurer of distribution of county funds to township trustees, school board, county offices and state, showing date, title of fund, amounts, and totals. Arr. chron.
Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. stg. rm.

215. DISTRIBUTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, not dated. 16 bundles.
Duplicate township lists of taxes, showing name of taxpayer, property assessed, and amount of tax. No index. 25 x 20 x 18. Bsmt. stg. rm.

216. AUDITOR'S VENUE RECORD, 1924-27. 1 vol.

Record of court cases transferred from their original venue,

showing date of transfer, name of county transferred to or from, title of case, amount of cost, and fees to date. Indexed alph. by names of counties. Hdw. 70 pp. 15 x 13 x 1. Comr. off.

For other venue records, see entries 70-71.

217. OLD TAX SETTLEMENT SHEETS, 1880-1927. 8 file boxes. Lists showing name and residence of tax payer, amount of tax, and date due. No index. 10 x 8 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. stg. rm.

218. APPORTIONMENT OF CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED, not dated. 16 bundles.

Settlement sheets, showing distribution and apportionment of tax money to township and county institutions, and offices. No index. 25 x 20 x 18. 11. bsmt. stg. rm.

219. TRUSTEE'S REPORT, 1910-19. 16 vols.

Report of trustees to advisory board, showing receipts, disbursements and balances in township funds and road tax funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 14 x 2. 13 vols., 1910-17, bsmt. stg. rm.; 3 vols., 1917-19, Aud. off.

220. TRUSTEE'S REPORTS, 1935--. 5 file boxes.

Reports of tuition and dog tax funds, and distribution for school and poor relief purposes, showing warrant number, date, amount, title of fund, cause, and payer or payee. No index. 21 x 9 x 15. Aud. off.

221. (TRUSTEE'S POOR RELIEF VOUCHERS), 1913-34. 22 file boxes.

Order slips, showing date, amount of order, to whom issued, on whom drawn, and trustee's attest. No index. 17 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

222. (TRUSTEE'S REPORT-TO ADVISORY BOARD), 1918-34. 22

file boxes.

Annual report sheets, showing amount of appropriations and receipts, amounts disbursed, payee, and cause. No index.

18 x 13 x 6. Aud. off.

Receipts and Disbursements

223. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF ALL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAX
PAYMENTS, 1906-25. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of all cash receipts other than taxes, for which auditor issued quittance, and titles of funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. 82 pp.
16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Comr. off.

224. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910-29. 3 vols.

Record of fees and cash collected by auditor, showing day and hour, from whom received, source of fee or cash, and amount.
No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 13 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Comr. off.

225. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1841-1910. 6 vols. (2-5, 2;
and 1 vol. not numbered). 1884-97, missing.

Record of receipts, showing date, name of payor, cause, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 1841-84, Comr. off.; 1897-1910, bsmt. stg. rm.

226. AUDITOR'S LEDGER, 1924-27. 4 vols.

Record of receipts, appropriations and disbursements, showing date, amount of warrants issued, office expenditures, and balance.
Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 15 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

227. RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, March-Dec., 1912.
1 vol.

Record of congressional township funds, showing balance on hand,

amount received, amount expended, amount in trust, and closing balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

228. WARRANTS, 1925--. 12 vols.

Register of warrants drawn on treasurer, showing date, warrant and claim numbers, name of payee, amount, and auditor's signature.

Arr. chron. Typod. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Aud. off.

229. REGISTER OF ORDERS (PAID), 1841-89. 15 vols.

Register of paid orders, showing date, name of payee, title of fund, cause, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. 1841-88, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1889, Comr. off.

230. QUIETUS, 1927--. 7 vols.

Record of satisfied claims, showing date, amount of claim, name of claimant, nature of claim, warrant number, and attest.

Indexed by names of claims. Hdw. 100 pp. 17 x 14 x 1. Comr. off.

Taxes

Appraisements

231. TRANSFER BOOK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1864--. 375 vols.

(Numbering varies).

Record of transfers of real estate, showing date, by whom and to whom transferred, description of real estate, value of lands and of improvements, and attest. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 3. Aud's off.

232. APPRAISEMENT, 1841. 1 vol.

Record of real estate valuations made for board of equalization, showing name of owner, description and location of property, and

valuation. Indexed alph. by names of townships. Hdw. 408 pp.
18 x 8 x 1. Comr. off.

233. ORIGINAL ENTRY BOOK, not dated. 1 vol.

Record of original entry of lands in county, transcribed in the
year 1841 from tract book, then on file in state auditor's office.
No index. Hdw. 98 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Comr. off.

234. STATISTICAL BOOK, 1864-1921. 167 vols.

Record of crop statistics, showing name of farm owner, acreage
under cultivation, kind of crops, acres planted, and percentage
of grain. Arr. chron. Hdw. 45 pp. 16 x 14 x 1. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

235. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES, 1907-31.

29 vols.

List of eligible voters over ages of 21, showing name, residence,
age, and date of registration. Arr. alph. by names of voters.
Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Nw. bsmt. stg. rm.

236. (CORPORATION STATEMENT), 1894--. 4 file boxes.

1911-34, missing.

Annual report of corporations, showing name, number and value of
shares of stock, amount of capital stock, amount sold, value of
stock in bank, and value of real estate and equipment. Arr.
chron. 7 x 5 x 10. 2 file boxes, 1894-1935, bsmt. stg. rm.;
2 file boxes, 1935--, Aud. off.

237. (TAX WORK SHEETS), 1923-24. 14 vols.

Preliminary tax calculation sheets, showing lists of taxable
property, amount of poll tax, amount and kind of taxes levied, and
determined rate of taxation. No index. 24 x 36 x 2. Nw. bsmt.
stg. rm.

Returns

238. AFFIDAVIT MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1908--. 298 vols.

Title varies: Mortgage Exemptions.

Affidavits of persons seeking tax exemption on mortgage indebtedness, showing location and description of property, amount of mortgage, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. and typed. 275 pp. 7 x 9 x 1 3/4. 252 vols., 1908-25, nw. bsmt. stg. rm.; 46 vols., Recr. file rm.

239. SOLDIER'S EXEMPTIONS, 1919--. 31 vols. 1921, 1935-36, missing.

Soldier's affidavits for tax exemption, showing name, age and residence of veteran; military record, number of pension paper, amount of exemption claim, and property affected. Indexed alph. by names of veterans. Hdw. 100 pp. 7 x 9 x 1. 25 vols., 1919-36, nw. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, Aud. off.; 5 vols., 1930-34, Recr. file rm.

Lists

240. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1845--. 2399 vols.

Record of all taxable property in county, showing description and location of real estate, improvements of personal property, assessed value, and name and residence of owner. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. and typed. 215 pp. 18 x 18 x 1/4. 2259 vols., 1845-1933, bsmt. stg. rm.; 24 vols., 1934-35, Aud. off.; 74 vols., 1934-35, Tr. off.; 42 vols., 1936--, Assr. off.

241. ASSESSMENT LISTS, PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1931--.

214 vols.

Record of taxable personal property in county, showing name of owner, occupation and address, and value and location of personal property in county. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 173 vols., 1931-35, Tr. off. and bsmt. stg. rm.; 41 vols., 1936--, Assr. off.

Delinquents and Erroneous242. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1868-85. 3 vols,
(3, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of real property on which taxes are delinquent, showing name of owner, description of property, location, and amount delinquent. No index. Hdw. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Bsmt. stg. rm.

243. MINUTES OF DEEDS, 1844-76. 1 vol.

Record of deeds issued by auditor for property sold to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing name of purchaser, description and location of property, date sold, date and amount of delinquency, and name of former owner. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 400 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

244. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1915--. 2 vols. 1917-32, missing.

Record of non-collectable taxes, showing name and address of owner, description of property, and amount of delinquency. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 597 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1915-16, Comr. off.; 1 vol., 1933--, Tr. vt.

Returns

245. SETTLEMENT RECORD, 1896--. 2 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes old and new, showing name of owner, description of property, amount of delinquent taxes, and accrued fees. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 24 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 vol., 1896-1909, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1909--, Comr. off.

246. REGISTER OF TAX SALES, 1846--. 5 vols. (1-4, A).

Record of lands and lots sold to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing name and residence of former owner, description and location of property, amount delinquent, amount of purchase, name and residence of purchaser, and by whom redeemed. No index. Hdw. 215 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

Plat Books

247. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1886-1932. 62 vols. 1928-31, missing.

Plats showing name and address of owner, description and location of land, and assessed valuation. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 80 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 51 vols., 1886-1928, bsmt. stg. rm.; 11 vols., 1932, Aud. off.

School Fund

248. MORTGAGE RECORD, SCHOOL FUNDS, 1863--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of school fund mortgages, showing name and address of

mortgagor, description and value of real estate mortgaged, and amount of loan. Indexed by names of mortgagors. 1863-Apr. 1, 1911, hdw.; Apr. 1, 1911-- , typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Recr. off.

249. REGISTER OF LOANS, SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS, 1831-1917.

4 vols., (2, 3, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record showing date of loan, name and location of property mortgaged, amount of loan, and date and amount of payment on principal and interest. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Comr. off.

Official Bonds
(See also entries 41-46)

250. REGISTER OF LIQUOR LICENSE (Record Of Official Bonds),
1900. 1 vol.

Record of executor's, administrator's and county official's bonds, showing date, name and title of person bonded, stipulations and amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and attest. Arr. alph. by names of bondsmen. Typed. 100 pp. 15 x 12 x 5/4. Comr. off.

Maps

251. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1930. 1 map.

Political map, showing township and sectional divisions, cities and towns, rivers and creeks, and highways and roads. Published in Rockford, Ill., by Stacy Map Co. Printed. No scale given. 32 x 40. Aud. main off.

XI. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1)
This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1891. Qualifications are established by law; He must be a continuous freeholder of Montgomery County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freeholder sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, (3) to examine public records, (4) and to set a value upon intangibles for taxation. (5) He is ex-officio member and president of the Montgomery County board of review. (6)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112. | (5) Acts 1933; Burns 64-905. |
| (2) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101. | (6) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; |
| (3) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102. | Burns 64-1201. |
| (4) Ibid. | |

252. COUNTY ASSESSOR RECORD, (MORTGAGES), 1890-1911.

2 vols. (2,4). Vols. 1, 3, missing.

Record of mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, residences, amount of mortgage, and date satisfied. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 582 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Bsmt. stg. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 160.

253. VALUATION OF TAXABLE INTANGIBLES, 1933--. 1 box.

Applications to assessor for determining the valuation of taxable intangibles, showing description of intangibles, face value, value by applicant, and taxable value. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. 18 x 13 x 4. Assr. off.

XII. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Montgomery County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1)

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (2) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (3) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (4) The inception date of this board in Montgomery County is 1881.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. It also may redetermine the valuation of any particular tract or lot upon the complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit

therein, and order a new assessment. (5)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (6)

The records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1201, | (4) Acts 1919; Burns, ibid. |
| 64-1206. | (5) Ibid. |
| (2) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129. | (6) Ibid. |
| (3) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114. | |

254. COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 1 vol.

Record of adjustments of taxes against property owners, showing name and address of tax payer. Indexed alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 425 pp. 12 x 17 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XIII. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Montgomery County was established by an act of legislature in 1933 and consisted of seven members. (1)

By an act of 1937 the membership of the board was changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council, one member is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county, one member of the county board of education selected by such board, and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The board is empowered to serve for one year. (2)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (3)

All the records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1933; Burns 61-301.

(3) Acts 1933; Burns 61-301.

(2) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.

255. COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT, 1932--. 1 vol.

Record of proceedings of the board of tax adjustment, and budget for taxing unit, showing minutes of meetings, and amount of budget of each unit. No index. Typed. 150 pp. 12 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

XIV. BOARD OF FINANCE

By virtue of an act of 1907, the board of county commissioners of Montgomery County constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purpose intended by its creation. (1) The inception date of this board in Montgomery County is 1907.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Montgomery County. (2) Its functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. In lieu of depositing county funds in banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government or its instrumentalities. (3) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (4) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. (5)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the Depository Acts of 1935, reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered. The board has supervision of all public funds of the county, and the safekeeping and deposit thereof. (6)

All records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(2) Acts 1907; Burns 61-603.
(3) Acts 1907, 1932 spec. sess.;
Burns 61-610.

(4) Acts 1907, 1931; Burns 61-615.
(5) Acts 1907; Burns 61-617.
(6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl.,
61-626.

256. RECORD OF FINANCE BOARD, 1907--. 1 vol.

Record of meetings of board of finance, showing date, apportionment of fund to banks, name of bank, and amount of fund.. No index.

Hdw. 350 pp. 13 x 18 x 3.

XV. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The county school fund board was created by an act of 1935. It consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. This was formerly a duty of the auditor. The board must satisfy itself as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (2)

The inception date of this board in Montgomery County is 1935.

(1) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936
suppl., 28-209.

(2) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, *ibid.*

The records of this board are to be surveyed and inserted here in the final publication.

XVI. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond, in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was in existence by virtue of an act of 1817. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823, the organization date of the county.

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Montgomery County and deposits the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (4) He keeps fee books and cash books. (5) He makes quarterly reports to the commissioners; (6) at the expiration of his term of office, he gives a sworn statement to the auditor, showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (7) and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. (8) He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer or state, (9) and collects all taxes. (10)

The laws of the state also place certain ex-officio duties upon the treasurer. He is a member of the board of review, (11) and has custody of county funds, although the depositories are chosen by the board of finance. (12)

All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse.

(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

(2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101.

(3) Acts 1817, ch. 17, sec. 1.

(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103.

(5) Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401.

(6) Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403.

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| (7) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402. | (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502. |
| (8) 1 Nov. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114. | (11) Acts 1919, 1920 spec. sess.; Burns 64-1201. |
| (9) Acts 1959, 1861; Burns 49-1813. | (12) Acts 1907, 1932 spec. sess.; Burns 61-610. |

Tax Collections

257. TAX DUPLICATE, 1846--. 321 vols. Numbering varies. Record of tax duplicates on real and personal property, showing date, description of real estate, name of owner, amount of taxation, and name of twp. No index. Hdw. and typed. 175 pp. 17 x 14 x 22. 293 vols., 1846-1927, bsmt. stg. rm.; 28 vols., 1928--. Tr. off.

258. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1934--. 1 vol. Record of moratorium tax duplicates, showing names of townships and taxing unit, description of property, semi-annual payments, and total. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 50 pp. 17 x 15 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Tr. vt.

259. (INHERITANCE OR TRANSFER TAX RECORD), 1936--. 2 vols. Record of inheritance or transfer tax, showing names of heirs, amount of tax, interest, and amount due state. No index. Hdw. 189 pp. 9 x 8 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. vt.

260. (INHERITANCE TAX PAID), 1930--. 1 vol. Record of inheritance tax paid, showing names of heirs and estates, amount of tax imposed, date, and net amount collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 45 pp. 14 x 10 x $\frac{3}{4}$. Tr. vt.

261. INHERITANCE TAX RECEIPTS AND STUBS, 1925--. 3 vols.
Record of inheritance tax receipts and stubs, showing names of
heirs, amount of tax imposed, and amount collected. Arr. chron.
Hdw. 125 pp. 6 x 16 x 2. Tr. vt.

262. REGISTER OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1912--. 48 vols. Title
varies: , Cash Book for Tax Payments. 1916-21, missing.
Register of taxes collected, showing date, tax duplicate no.,
current tax, and name of taxing unit. Arr. alph. by names of
taxing units. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 13 x 3. 1912-16, bsmt. str. rm.;
1921--, tr. vt.

263. (TAX RECEIPTS), not dated. 11 boxes.
Unpaid current and delinquent tax receipts, showing names of parties,
amount of tax, and date delinquent. No index. 19 x 10 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

264. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1924-25. 2 vols.
Record of duplicate tax receipts, showing valuation of real and
personal property, and amount of tax due. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.
9 x 14 x 2. Tr. vt.

265. SPRING TAX RECEIPTS, 1934--. 15 boxes. Title varies:
Spring Assessments.
Payments of spring taxes, showing amount of real and personal tax,
and poll tax. Arr. chron. 10 x 18 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

Public Improvement Records

266. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, CURRENT, 1880--. 3 vols.
Record of taxes paid for construction of ditches, showing duplicate
no., name of payer, amount assessed, cost of construction, date of

payment and of completion, and total assessment. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 405 pp. 16 x 19 x 1¹/₂. 2 vols., 1880-1951, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1951-- , Tr. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

267. DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORIES, 1908-- . 21 vols. Record of cash and depositories, showing date, amount collected, name of payer, purpose, and daily balance of cash received. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 3 x 3. 1908-24, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1925-- , r. vt.

268. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCES, 1872-- . 43 vols. Title varies: Cash Book, Treasurer. Record of monthly balances of funds, showing date, amounts received and disbursed, kind of fund, and total cash balance. No index. Hdw. 40 pp. 19 x 16 x 3/4. 1872-1910, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1911-- , Tr. vt.

269. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1879-1922. 5 vols. (1-3, and 2 vols. not numbered). Record of receipts of disbursements from county funds, showing date, name of payee, and amount disbursed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 125 pp. 25 x 18 x 2. Bsmt. stg. rm.

270. (CULVER HOSPITAL RECEIPTS), 1923-26. 1 vol. Record of receipts of funds for Culver Hospital, showing date, donations, loans, and dues. Indexed alph. by names of funds. Hdw. 208 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Tr. vt.

271. CASH DISBURSED, 1885-1911. 4 vols.

Record of disbursements of county funds, showing date, name of payee, and amount. No index. Hdw. 158 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. Bsmt. stg. rm.

272. REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORIES, 1913--. 8 vols.

1921-28, missing.

Register of warrants, showing warrant no., amount of warrant, and name of bank deposited in. Arr. chron. Hdw. 321 pp. 17 x 14 x 2 3/4. 1913-21, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1928--, Tr. vt.

273. CANCELED WARRANTS AND CHECKS, 1916--. 6 file boxes.

Canceled warrants and checks, showing to whom issued, amount, and warrant no. No index. 12 x 8 x 7. 3 file boxes, 1916-32, bsmt., nw. stg. rm.; 3 file boxes, 1933--, Tr. vt.

274. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1920-21. 2 boxes.

Warrants issued for expenses of school board, showing amount of warrant, to whom issued, purpose, and warrant no. No index. 5 x 7 x 10. Bsmt., nw. stg. rm.

275. DUPLICATE WARRANTS, 1935--. 3 boxes.

Duplicate warrants covering miscellaneous disbursements. Arr. chron. 11 x 18 x 4 3/4. Tr. vt.

276. DUPLICATE PENSIONS, 1934--. 3 boxes.

Duplicate old age pension checks, showing date, name, age, sex, and amount of pension. Arr. chron. 11 x 18 x 4 3/4. Tr. vt.

277. (VOUCHERS ALLOWED), 1928-31. 1 vol.

Record of vouchers issued and allowed by commissioners, showing salaries, food supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous disbursements. Arr. chron. Hdw. 75 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. Tr. vt.

Maps

278. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1930. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing location of real estate outside Crawfordsville, names of owners, acreage, county and state highways, schools, township lines, and names of townships. Published at Crawfordsville, Ind., by Crawfordsville Journal and Review. Black and white. Condition fair. No scale given. 34 x 46. Tr. off.

XVII. ELECTION BOARDS

Board of Election Commissioners

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. The board is appointed annually and serves without pay. It is its duty to prepare and distribute ballots for the election of county officers. (1)

The board's duties are: to print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary election. (2)

Board of Canvassers

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners a board of canvassers. They are required to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists and tally papers. (3) The further duties of the board are: to tabulate the votes, record them in the poll books, and file them, together with the tally papers and certificates, in the office of the clerk. (4) The board selects its own chairman, and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board, (5) and the board declares the election winners by a statement of certification. (6)

PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The primary election commissioners were provided for by an act of the legislature in 1915. They consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (7) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the board of canvassors. (8)

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| (1) Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002. | (5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402. |
| (2) Acts 1869, 1933; Burns 29-1003. | (6) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405. |
| (3) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401. | (7) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504. |
| (4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (8) Acts 1915; Burns 29-560. |

The records of these boards are to be reclassified and inserted here.

XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana had its beginning back in 1818, and since then it has undergone several changes.

The legislature in 1818 provided for the appointment by the county commissioners of a superintendent of schools for each congressional township. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1824 the school system was administered by three township school trustees, who were elective. (2)

The school administrative system was changed by the legislature in 1833. By this new act the election of a school commissioner was proscribed. (3)

In 1852 the legislature provided that the township trustees should serve as a board of school trustees in each civil township. (4)

By legislative enactment in 1865 three school trustees were elected by the common council of each incorporated city and the board of trustees of each incorporated town to administer the school system in conjunction with the township trustees of each civil township. (5)

By an act of 1873 the county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (6)

The inception date of this board in Montgomery County is 1873.

By legislative enactment in 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (7)

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (8) Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent. (9) The board may purchase text books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (10)

All the records are located in the superintendent of schools office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1818, ch. 49, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8. |
| (2) Acts 1824, ch. 97, secs. 1, 2. | (7) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns |
| (3) Acts 1833, ch. 70, sec. 3. | 28-801. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, | (8) Ibid. |
| secs. 4, 8. | (9) Acts 1921, 1932 spec. sess.; |
| (5) Acts 1865, ch. 1, secs. 4, 5. | Burns 28-501. |
| | (10) Acts 1921; Burns 28-613. |

279. LEDGER (Board of Education), 1914-34. 2 vols.

Minutes of the meetings of board of education, showing date, members' names, nature of subjects discussed, and names of secretary and chairman. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 200 pp. 9 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

280. OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS, 1899-1912. 1 vol.

Record of official proceedings of board of education, showing date and minutes of meetings, and subjects discussed. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. 14 x 8 x 3/4.

XIX.. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1873, the act of 1863 was amended, and the school examiner's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools". He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1889 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act also required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as prescribed by law. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1873.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Montgomery County. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teacher's preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member and president of the board of education. (8)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33. | (5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns |
| (2) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2. | 28-4309. |
| (3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns | (6) Acts 1865; Burns 22-715. |
| 28-702. | (7) Acts 1935; Burns 28-903. |
| (4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-701. | (8) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801. |

Activities and Reports

291. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS, 1874-81. 1 vol.

Record of appeals, enrollment of teachers, and licenses, showing date, name of teacher, license no., and enumeration list. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 14 x 1 3/4. Supt. off.

292. RECORD BOOK, TEACHER'S LICENSES, HIGH SCHOOL, 1914-23.

2 vols.

Record of licenses issued to high school teachers, showing date, name of applicant, address, and qualifications. Indexed alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 208 pp. 8 x 5 x 3/4. Supt. off.

293. FINANCIAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TO STATE

SUPERINTENDENT, 1916-24, 1 box.

Financial statements of county superintendent to state superintendent, showing amount of expenses, purpose, name of payee, amount of supplies, teacher's salaries, and total expense. Arr. chron. 13 x 6 x 5 1/4. Supt. off.

282. TRUSTEE'S STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT TO
SUPERINTENDENT, 1917--. 2 boxes.

Statistical and financial reports of twp. and city school trustees to county superintendent, showing attendance, and grade record.

No index. 1 box, 13 x 6 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 1 box, 16 x 10 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$. Supt. off.

285. (TRUSTEE'S REPORTS TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT), 1935. 1
box.

Reports of twp., town, and city school trustees to county superintendent, showing date, enrollment, length of term, financial status, and miscellaneous data. Arr. chron. 10 x 16 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Supt. off.

286. (SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS TO SCHOOL CITY BOARD),
1920-21. 1 box.

Reports of county school superintendent to city school board, showing tuition, special fund, vocational, bond, and sanitary school funds. No index. 8 x 12 x 4. Bsm. st. rm.

287. AUDITOR'S REPORT OF SPECIALS SCHOOL REVENUE AND
CONGRESSIONAL TRUSTSHIP FUNDS, 1916--. 1 box.

Auditor's report to superintendent of public instruction, showing amount of school and twp. revenue collected, and total amount.

No index. 13 x 6 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. sch. off.

288. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES OF TOWNSHIPS, TOWNS, AND CITIES TO
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, 1901-10. 2 vols.

Record of reports of trustees of twp., towns, and cities to superintendent, showing school activities, attendance, deportment,

number of pupils. No index. Bdw. Condition poor. 100 pp.

14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

289. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONED HIGH SCHOOL, 1917-22. 1 box.

Reports of school principals regarding rating of high schools, showing school equipment, enrollment, organization, supervision, and financial standing. No index. 10 x 17 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

290. MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL, 1915-30. 1 box.

Trustee's statistical reports to superintendent of school, showing date, number of pupils enrolled, attendance, and yearly average. No index. 10 x 17 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

291. CITY SCHOOL REPORTS, 1909-21. 1 box.

Record of tuition, and teacher's reports, showing pupil's attendance, and yearly average. No index. 10 x 7 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bamt. stg. rm.

292. (MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE), not dated. 7 boxes.

Miscellaneous correspondence, showing names of teachers waiting jobs, book companies, and manufacturers. No index. 5 boxes, 10 x 16 x 17, 2 boxes, 10 x 25 x 11. Supt. off.

Enumerations.

293. SCHOOL ENUMERATION, 1916--. 5 boxes.

School enumerations, showing names of twps., trustees, school board members, superintendent, principals and teachers; and miscellaneous supplies. No index. 17 x 5 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

294. CITY ENUMERATION, 1918--. 9 boxes.

Enumeration of children, showing names of children, date, date of birth, sex, age, employed or in school, and names of families.

Arr. alph. by names of families. 5 boxes, 17 x 6 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 boxes, 17 x 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 boxes, 36 x 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

Teachers

295. RECORD OF APPEALS (Teacher's Institute), 1907-22.

2 vols.

Minutes of meetings, showing news paper clippings, photos, date of attendance, and subjects discussed. Indexed alph. by names titles of subjects. Hdw. 352 pp. 19 x 5 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Supt. off.

296. RECORD BOOK OF TEACHER'S LICENSE, CONCERN SCHOOL,
1908-32. 6 vols.

Record of licenses issued to teachers, showing name of teacher, qualifications, age, and date of license. Indexed alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 301 pp. 6 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

297. DIRECTORY OF TEACHER'S TRAINING, 1895-1923. 1 vol.

Record of teacher's qualifications, showing name, address, and experience. Arr. alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 9 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

298. RECORD OF TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS, 1891-1907. 2 vols.

Record of teacher's examinations, showing name, address, age, and grade credited. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 8 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Supt. off.

299. (TEACHER'S REPORT), 1932--. 2 boxes.

Teacher's report to the superintendent of schools, showing attendance record, monthly average, and name of pupil. Arr. chron. 16 x 25 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

300. ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS, 1932--. 2 boxes.

Teacher's annual school reports to superintendent of schools, showing attendance record, yearly grade, average of pupils, and teacher's name. Arr. chron. 16 x 25 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

301. (TEACHER'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORTS), 1931--. 1 box.

Teacher's and trustee's reports to county superintendent, showing program, pupil's record, and aggregate attendance of pupils. Arr. by twps. 16 x 25 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

302. (TEACHER'S REPORTS TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT), 1933--.

1 box.

Teacher's reports to school superintendent, showing name of student, subjects taught, grade, and attendance record. Arr. by twps., and thereunder chron. 16 x 10 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$. Supt. off.

303. RECORD OF TEACHER'S SUCCESS GRADES, 1907--. 1 vol.;

5 boxes.

Record of teacher's success grades, showing name, personality, rating, date, preparation, teaching, technique, management, pupil achievement, and by whom issued. 1 vol., 1909-25, arr. alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 500 pp. 8 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 boxes, 17 x 5 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3 boxes, 17 x 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

Pupils

304. RECORD OF GRADUATES, 8th, GRADE, 1912-25. 4 vols.

Record of graduation of eighth grade pupils, showing names of pupil and twp., age, yearly grade average, and by whom signed.

Indexed alph. by names of twps. Bdw. 225 pp. 12 x 15 x 3. Supt. off.

305. MISCELLANEOUS (Teacher's Enrollment Reports), 1927-34.

12 boxes.

Teacher's reports at beginning of school, showing enrollment, name of pupil, subject taken, and grade average. No index. 13 x 15 x 16 3/4. Supt off.

306. (TEACHER'S REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE), 1934--. 1 box.

Teacher's reports of aggregate attendance of pupils, showing date, name of pupil, address, date of birth, and number of days present and absent. No index. 10 x 16 x 7 3/4. Supt off.

307. EXAMINATION REPORTS TO AND FROM STATE DEPARTMENT,

1917-25. 1 box.

Reports of teachers who failed in examination. Arr. chron.

12 x 5 x 6 3/4. Supt off.

308. EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION REPORT, 1910-29. 1 box.

Annual eighth grade graduation report of teachers to superintendent, showing name and address of pupil, and date graduated. Arr.

chron. 13 x 5 x 6 3/4. Supt. off.

309. GRADES OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1933--.

2 boxes.

Record of high school pupils during terms of school and after leaving school, showing average by semester and year, subjects taken, name of student, college attendance, degree, and occupation. Arr. alph. by names of students. 11 x 16 x 26. Supt. off.

310. HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS, 1932--. 2 boxes.

High school reports on examination papers, showing time of examination, average grade, and name and address of pupil. No index. 10 x 25 x 16 3/4. Supt. off.

311. HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS FROM PRINCIPALS, 1916-23. 1 box.

High school credits, showing date, number of credits to each student, name of student, and subjects taken. Arr. alph. by names of students. 10 x 17 x 5 1/2. Supt. off.

312. (PUPILS GRADE RECORD), 1915--. 1 box, 1 file box.

High school and grade monthly report cards, showing name of pupil, and monthly average. No index. 8 x 12 x 14. 1 box, 1915-17, bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 file box, 1918--., Supt. off.

313. GRADE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS, 1918--. 2 boxes.

Teacher's semiannual grade reports, showing name of pupil, and grade. Arr. alph. by names of tps. 11 x 16 x 26. Supt. off.

314. (TRUSTEE'S SEMI-ANNUAL DATA, PETITIONS, EXAMINATION GRADE), 1928. 1 box.

Second semiannual examination grade, teacher's reports to successor, showing name of pupil, subjects covered, and recommendation. No index. 12 x 6 x 5 1/2. Supt. sch. off.

Maps

315. HIGHWAY MAP OF INDIANA, 1930. 1 map.

Physical, political and communications map of Indiana, showing population of 1930 census. Published at Indianapolis, Ind., by National Map Company. Printed and colored. Scale, 1" to mile. 44 x 29 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

316. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1930. 1 map.

Physical map of Montgomery County. Published at Crawfordsville, Ind., by Journal Review. Black and white, and printed. No scale given. 32 x 38. Supt. off.

XXI. HEALTH OFFICER

By legislative enactment in 1881, a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as the health officer for each town and city, and the county. (1)

In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who acted through the board of health. (2)

The health commissioner was provided for by an act of the legislature in 1909, and in the same act a repeal clause repealed the act creating the county board of health. The health commissioner is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (3) The health commissioner must be a licensed physician. (4) The inception date of the records of this office in Montgomery County is 1891.

By an act of 1935 the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioner with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce the health laws of the state and enforce all the rules of the state board of health. (5)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics, such as births, deaths,

and marriages; to make sanitary inspections of all public and private buildings in regard to sources of disease; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (6)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1891 Rev. Stat., sec. 4993. | (5) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 |
| (2) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8. | suppl., 35-118. |
| (3) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns | (6) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns |
| 35-108. | 35-111. |
| (4) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns | |
| 35-110. | |

Vital Statistics

317. RECORD OF BIRTH, 1882--. 14 vols.

Record of births, showing name of child, sex, color, names of parents, address, occupation, date and place of birth, and number of children in family. No index. Hdw. 225 pp. 15 x 11 x 1 1/2.

Hlth. Offr. off., Dillman Bldg., Cleveland, Ind.

318. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1910--. 8 vols.

Record of applications and marriages, showing date of application, names and addresses of bride and groom, age, color, date and place of birth, occupation, names of parents, occupation, names of witnesses, name of person performing ceremony, and date of marriage.

Indexed alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. 210 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 1/2.

Hlth. Offr. off., Dillman Bldg., Cleveland, Ind.

For other marriage records, see entries 47-51.

319. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1888--. 8 vols.

Record of contagious diseases, showing date, name and address of patient, age, nature of disease, sex, color, occupation, number in family, by whom reported, and date quarantine established.

6 vols., arr. chron.; 2 vols., arr. alph. by names of patients.

Hdw. 100 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1913--, Hlth. Off., Dillman Bldg., Waveland, Ind.; C. C., 6 vols., 1888-1915, bsmt., nw. stg. rm.

320. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1888--. 8 vols.

Record of deaths, showing date, name, color, age, occupation, residence, cause and place of death, date and place of birth, if married or single, place of burial, and name of undertaker.. Indexed

alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 6 vols., 1888--, Hlth. Offr. off., Dillman Bldg., Waveland, Ind.; C. C., 2 vols., 1890-99, bsmt., nw. stg. rm.

XXI. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Montgomery County, created in 1936 by an act of the legislature, consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (1)

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the state department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind. (2)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Montgomery County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (3)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare

upon its organization in 1936. (4)

All the records are located in the welfare office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1118. | (3) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1120. |
| (2) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1121. | (4) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1408. |

321. REGISTER OF APPLICATION FOR AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN,
1936--. 1 vol.

Register of applications for aid to dependent children, showing date, names of children, age, sex, color, date and place of birth, serial and case nos., amount, names of parents or guardians, and action of board. Arr. by case nos. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 12 x 10 x 3/4.

322. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE,
1936--. 1 vol.

Register of applications for old age assistance, showing date, name of applicant, address, age, sex, color, serial no., amount, and action of board. No index. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 12 x 10 x 3/4.

323. REGISTER OF APPLICATION FOR BLIND, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of applications for assistance to the blind, showing date, name, address, age, sex, serial no., amount, and action of board. Arr. numerically. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 12 x 10 x 3/4.

324. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--.
1 file drawer.

Dependent children's applications for assistance, showing date, names

of children, parents or guardians, county, addresses of parents or guardians, case no., child's age, sex, color, and amount of assistance. Arr. by case nos. 10 x 10 x 30.

325. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO BLIND, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Applications of the blind for assistance, showing date, names of applicant, twp., town and county; applicant's address, case no., place of birth, age, and resources; number of children, citizenship, length of residence and affliction, amount and kind of property, value, whether an inmate of institution, if married or single, and oath. Arr. by case nos. 10 x 10 x 30.

326. APPLICATION FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 4 file drawers.

Applications for old age assistance, showing date, names of applicant, twp., town, county; applicant's age, sex, color, birthplace, citizenship, amount of resources, length of residence, kind of property owned, value, serial and case nos., number of children in family, and oath of applicant. Arr. by case nos. 10 x 10 x 30.

327. RECORD OF CHILDREN PLACED IN ORPHANS HOME, 1925--. 1 file box.

File cards of children placed in orphans home, showing date, names of children and parents, date of birth, if parents are living or dead, date of adoption, by whom, and family history. Indexed alph. by names of inmates. 6 x 8 x 14.

XXII. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of surveyor was in existence by virtue of an act of 1831. (3) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1823.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes or other roads, ditches, drains, and levies. (4) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (5) unless the county commissioners employ a highway supervisor. (6) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, established lines and corners of land and lots. (9)

The surveyor may employ deputy surveyors to assist in performing the engineering duties of the office. (10)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
| (2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302. | (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317. |
| (3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1. | (9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3311. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat; 1852; Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309. | (10) Acts 1891, 1899; Burns 49-3306. |
| (5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. | |
| (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. | |

Surveys and Reports

328. SURVEYOR'S RECORD (TOWNSHIP DRAWINGS), 1888-1925.

14 vols. (1-14).

Record of twps. by drawings, showing location by corner stone, description, land marks, section, and range. Indexed alph. by names of markers. Hdw. 259 pp. 15 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sur. off.

329. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, (FARMS), 1876-91. 1 vol.

Record of farms, showing name of owner, location, description, twp., and range. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 240 pp. 14 x 9 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sur. off.

330. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, (DITCHES), 1861-92. 1 vol.

Record of ditches, showing date, name, location, description, and kind of construction. Indexed alph. by names of land owners. Hdw. 523 pp. 6 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sur. off.

331. FIELD BOOKS, 1913--. 134 vols.

Surveyor's field notes of roads, ditches and sidewalks, showing name of towns, transit levels, drainage, and grades. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 7 x 5 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 130 vols., 1913-26, bsmt. stg. rm.; 54 vols., 1927--, Sur. off.

332. SURVEYOR'S FIELD NOTES AND LEVEL BOOKS, not dated.

821 vols.

Surveyor's field notes, showing miscellaneous notes in shorthand. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 6 x 4 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Sur. off.

333. FIELD NOTES, 1819-92. 2 vols.

Record of United State Surveyor's field notes, showing original

notes, and description of twps., range, and sections. Arr. by twp. and range nos. Hdw. 509 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 3/4. Sur. off.

334. TRACT BOOK, 1822-92. 1 vol.

Record of individual surveys, showing correct acreage of land purchased, description, location, name of purchaser, and date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 135 pp. 12 x 12 x 1 1/4. Sur. off.

335. (DITCHES), not dated. 13 file boxes.

Grade sheets for ditches, showing date, name of ditch, type, location, description, and kind of material used. No index. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4. Sur. off.

Construction, Plans and Specifications

336. SURVEYOR'S RECORD AND DITCH REPAIRS, 1888--. 1 vol.

Record of property owner's assessments for ditch drainage, showing date, name of ditch, location, description, cost, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of land owners. Hdw. 230 pp. 18 x 11 x 1 1/2. Sur. off.

337. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1890--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of ditch drainage, showing date, name of ditch, location and description of land benefited, name of owner, value, assessment, original specifications, and total taxes. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 286 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. Sur. off.

338. PROOF OF PUBLICATION, not dated. 22 file boxes.

Proof of publication for ditches and roads, showing date, location, description, kind of construction, and amount. No index. 11 x 4 x 4. Sur. off.

339. (DITCHES-HIGHWAYS), not dated. 18 boxes.

Orders to view ditches and highways for construction and repair, showing date; name, ~~of ditch~~, location, ^{and} description, ^{and} kind of construction; and amount of repairs. No index. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4.

Sur. off.

340. TRANSCRIPT DITCHES, 1901-31. 1 box.

Transcripts of allotments for ditch drainage, construction, and repairs; showing date of petition; name, ~~of ditch~~, location, ^{and} description, ^{of ditch} nature of work; and amount. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 1/2.

Sur. off.

341. PETITION FOR DITCHES, 1925-27. 1 box.

Petitions for ditch drainage, construction, and repair; showing date, name of ditch, location, description, amount of allotment, and remarks. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 1/2. Sur. off.

342. (DITCHES, PROFILES, AND SPECIFICATIONS), not dated. 18 boxes.

Ditch profiles and specifications, showing name of ditch, location, and description. No index. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4. Sur. off.

343. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, 1905-31. 1 box.

Commissioners' report on ditch construction and repairs, showing date, name of ditch, type, location, description, and surveyor's report. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

344. DAMAGE CLAIMS, (Specifications and Allotment for Damages), 1913-34. 1 box.

Specifications and allotments for ditch repairs, showing name of ditch, location, type, kind of repairs, and amount. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

345. DITCH REPORTS, 1914--. 1 box.

Notices of opening bids for the construction and repair of ditches, showing date; name of ditch, type, location, and date of expiration. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

346. DITCH REPORTS, 1914--. 1 box.

Petitions and specifications for drainage, showing date, location, type, size, and estimated cost. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

347. CONTRACTS, 1900-1912. 22 boxes.

Contracts for the construction of ditches and roads, showing date, name of contractor, residence, name of road or ditch, type, location, and amount. No index. 11 x 4 x 4. Sur. off.

348. (ROAD REPORTS), not dated. 18 boxes.

Road reports, showing specifications, location, and type of road. No index. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4. Sur. off.

349. (REMODELING OFFICES), not dated. Same file boxes as

entry 359.

Specifications for remodeling offices of surveyor and treasurer. No index. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4. Sur. off.

Maps and Plats

350. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, not dated. 200 maps.

Political maps, showing plats, property owners, twps., ranges, and sections. Black and white. No scale given. 22 x 22 1/2 x 3. Sur. off.

351. DRAINAGE MAPS, 1908--. 24 maps.

Drainage maps, showing name of land owner, location, type of ditch, and description. Drawn by Schick. Blueprint. Scale varies. Size varies. Sur. off.

352. DITCHES OF COUNTY, not dated. 100 maps in 22 boxes.

Physical maps, showing elevation of land by contour lines, shading, and layer tints. Blueprints. No scale given. 24 x 18. Sur. off.

353. TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, not dated.

21 blueprints.

Political maps, showing towns and twps. Blueprints. Scale varies. 21 x 21. Sur. off.

354. COUNTY BUILDINGS, 1880-1913. 5 blueprints.

Plans and specifications of the orphans home buildings and county farm, showing arrangement and acreage. Published by Eugene Dietzaen. Blueprint. No scale given. 36 x 36. Bsmt. stg. rm.

355. COUNTY OFFICES IN COURTHOUSE, 1880-1931. 3 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for remodeling offices, showing kind of office, and specifications. Published by Eugene Dietzaen. Blueprints. No scale given. 36 x 36. Bsmt. stg. rm.

356. GRAVEL ROADS, 1880-1931. 12 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for gravel roads, showing location and description. Published by Eugene Dietzaen. Blueprint. No scale given. 11 x 36. Bsmt. stg. rm.

357. BRIDGES AND REPAIRS, 1880-1931. 7 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for bridge construction and repairs,

showing location and description. Published by Eugene Dietzaen.
Blueprints. No scale given. 11 x 36. Bsmt. stg. rm.

358. ROADS AND DITCHES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, not dated.

16 blueprints in 2 boxes.

Plans and specifications for ditches and roads, showing type, location, and construction. Printed. Scale varies. Size varies.

Sur. off.

359. TOWNSHIPS, DIVISIONS AND RANGE LINES, not dated.

1 vol.

Plat book, showing towns, twps., ranges, and division lines.

Black and white. No scale given. 18 x 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Sur. off.

XXIII. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

In pioneer times the roads were maintained by the local authorities. The citizens usually worked out their road taxes by giving a certain number of days labor, furnishing their own teams. The township road superintendent had charge of the work performed. This system prevailed for nearly a half a century.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the county commissioners a board of turnpike directors, each serving as supervisor in his own district. (1) In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of two years. (2) Some records bear his title. This office was abolished in 1933, (3) and the powers and duties conferred on the surveyor. (4)

In order to provide for necessary supervision of highways in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to appoint, at its option, a highway supervisor whose term of office is discretionary with the board of county commissioners. (5) The board of commissioners of Montgomery County has appointed a highway supervisor.

The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1933.

The highway supervisor oversees the maintenance and repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county, (6) and has authority to fix the limits of loads carried over them. (7) He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (8)

All the records are located in the court house.

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| (1) Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1. | (5) Acts 1937; Burns 36-1110. |
| (2) Acts 1917, ch. 330, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103. |
| (3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. | (7) Acts 1937; Burns 36-1102. |
| (4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. | (8) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |

360. SPECIFICATIONS, 1912--. 6 boxes.

Plans and specifications for bridges, sidewalks, and gutters, showing kind of material, and location. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

361. RECEIPT BOOK FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL, 1935--. 1 file box.

Gas and oil receipts for trucks, showing date, receipt no., quantity, and cost. No index. 11 x 5 x 15 3/4. Sur. off.

362. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGHWAY TIME BOOK, 1926-29. 7 boxes.

Time reports by assistant superintendent for employees, showing date, name, hours, rate, amount, and name of road. No index. 6 x 10 x 2 1/2. Bmt. stg. rm.

XXIV. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided that an agent should be appointed upon petition by the residents of the county. (1) The inception date of this office in Montgomery County is 1913.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agents board. The qualifications of the agricultural agent are prescribed by the board. (2)

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. (2)

(1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927;
Burns 28-4911.

(2) Acts 1937, ch. 224, sec. 1.

No records could be found.

